

WORLD RECORD — Sally Gunnell of Britain, right, winning the 400-meter hurdles Thursday night at the World Athletics Championships in Stuttgart. Her time of 52.74

seconds edged out Sandra Farmer-Patrick of the United States, left, as both women broke the old world mark. Margarita Ponomaryova of Russia took third. Page 17.

## **2 Years Later, Yeltsin Looks Over His Shoulder**

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Two years after the failed coup that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union, President Boris N. Yeltsin said Thursday that another "reactionary putsch" was still a possibility but that he was confident the Russian people would reject a return to the past.

"Very painful transformations are in progress," Mr. Yeltsin said. "But the Russian people continue to be loyal to the choice made that August."

At a formal anniversary news conference in the Kremlin, Mr. His biggest mistake two years ago, Mr. Yeltsin said, was to At a formal anniversary news contentine in the Areanin, with Yeltsin, in a jaunty mood, said that he had already begun "an artillery barrage" against his opposition in the holdover parlia-ment. He said he had prepared documents to force new elections this autumn to break the paralysis of government. But Mr. Yeltsin talked very little about plans to force but Mr. Yeltsin talked very little about plans to force the same the paralysis of government. But Mr. Yeltsin talked very little about plans to force the same the paralysis of government. But Mr. Yeltsin talked very little about plans to force the same the paralysis of government. But Mr. Yeltsin talked very little about plans to force the same the paralysis of government. already changed. As if to remind him of his error, the speaker of the parliathrough a new constitution that would dissolve the parliament, an act that regional leaders have advised against. Instead, he is ment, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, hluntly rejected the idea of new concentrating on getting new elections first, apparently hoping to end up with a more malleable, market-minded legislature that might make a new constitution easier to adopt. elections.

be no early elections this autumn," said Mr. See YELTSIN, Page 4

## **U.S. Steps In to Halt** Yen's Rapid Advance Tokyo to Shift Fed's Action Currency Gains Suggests a Deal With Japan **To Consumers**

By Steven Brull val Herald Tribune

TOKYO - The new coalition government vowed Thursday to deregulate and restructure the Japanese economy, but a lack of specifics suggests progress will be slow and frustrating for Japanese consumers and foreign govern-

Stating that the surge in the yen put the economy in worse straits than the previous government had acknowledged, Japan's economic cabinet ministers promised to compile a plan by mid-September to lessen control on business and quickly transfer the benefits of the strong ven to con

It also said it hoped to craft a broader, In easy said in toped to craft a broader, longer-range restructuring program by year-end that would include annual targets for de-regulation. This is being dubbed the "Second Mackawa Report," a reference to the landmark 1986 plan by former Bank of Japan Governor Harno Maekawa that called for transforming Japan's industrial structure, making it less reli-

Although lacking specifics, Thursday's com-ments mark a determination by Japanese lead-ers to do more than talk about deregulation. The proposed annual targets, likely to include reductions in tariffs and import restrictions, would be a rare example of active deregulation.

The pronouncements also come from a govemment determined to redraw electoral districts to give greater voice to urban consumers, bose interests have been given short shrift.

"If the Liberal Democratic Party announced deregulation it would be seen as husiness-as-usual," said Yasunori Sone, a professor of political science at Keio University. "But this is a new government and the beginning of a new era in the hureaucratic policy-making process." Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa is likely

to add some substance to his vision of a more comfortable Japan when he makes his first major policy speech, on Monday. Whereas his predecessor, Kuchi Miyazawa, spoke abstractly about making Japan a "lifestyle superpower," Mr. Hosokawa may describe ways to make life easier for the middle class.

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Still, untangling the thicket of regulations See JAPAN, Page 15

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — The United States sought to halt the yea's steady rise against the dollar on Thursday, intervening in the foreign-exchange market and voicing concern that the Japanese currency's strength could hurt eco-nomic amount

nomic growth. "We are concerned that the recent rapid rise in the value of the Japanese yen could retard growth in the Japanese and world economies." said Lawrence Summers, an undersecretary of the Treasury.

The Federal Reserve Board backed up that York currency market to buy dollars and sell yen. The move, which caught the market by surprise, pushed the dollar sharply higher. It ended at 105.785 yen in New York trading, up from 101.650 at the close on Wednesday. John Griffin, chief corporate dealer at Fuji Bank in New York, said the Fed's intervention was much larger than its normal market opera-tions, suggesting it was not on behalf of the Bank of Japan but had been directed by the Freasury

Earlier this week, the U.S. currency fell to a record low against the yen, coming within a whisker of hitting 100 yen.

Currency analysis suspected that the Fed intervened after the United States agreed to slow the yen's advance in return for trade concessions from the Japanese. Earlier Thursday, the government in Tokyo said it would take steps to open Japanese markets to American and other foreign-made goods.

Win Thin, an analyst at MCM CurrencyWatch in New York, said the Japanese cabinet meeting and subsequent comments by officials "show that this Japanese government is serious about turning around the economy." He noted that Japanese officials expressed

concern about their economy and prospects for recovery. He said the currency market was interpreting this as pointing to a deal between Japan and the United States whereby Tokyo would boost its economy and Washington would actively try to halt the yen's rise. In June, the U.S. trade deficit with Japan was

\$4.33 billion, up from \$3.75 billion in May, while the overall American deficit unexpectedly widened 44 percent, to \$12.06 billion. (Page 11) The U.S.-Japan trade gap has been the source of friction between Washington and Taken and the source of the s Tokyo, although the countries agreed at the economic summit of the Group of Seven indus-trial countries in July to establish a framework to correct the problem.

## **Killing 8 Israeli Soldiers**

Hezbollah Renews Attacks,

By Clyde Haberman

New York Timer Service JERUSALEM — Eight Israeli soldiers on patrol in southern Lebanon were killed by bombs Thursday in two separate attacks that, combined, represented the most deadly assaults on Israeli forces in five years. After the first bomb, which killed seven sol-

diers and wounded two, Israeli planes retaliated with strikes against bases near the Syrian border of the Iranian-backed Hezboliah, or Party of God, whose guerrillas claimed responsibility. Two guerrillas were reported killed in the air

raids, which took place away from civilian

The Islamic Resistance, the guerrilla arm of Hezbollah, said it then hit back with the second bomb attack in the same part of southern Lebanon, killing one more soldier and wounding two.

There was no immediate sign, however, that

U.S. Jets Strike Iraq Missile Site After a Firing

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatche WASHINGTON - In an echo of the Gulf War, United States aircraft pounded an Iraqi anti-aircraft site in the northern air-exclusion zone Thursday after it had fired two missiles, the Pentagon said.

The Americans struck the Iraqi site first with two fighters and, an hour later, with a pair of round-attack planes, officials said. The mi site, near the northern city of Mosul, was reported destroyed.

It was a more aggressive U.S. action than usual against Iraq's defiant air defenders.

Iraq denied having fired first. But for the first time in seven months, it said its ganners had opened fire on the attackers and chased them

Foreign Minister Mohammed Said Sahhaf. striking a harsher note after relatively mild Iraqi comments on recent air strikes, described the raid as "a vicious aggression."

The Pentagon said that it was among the most serious incidents since President Bill Clinton took office in January, but that it was not known whether this represented a change in policy by President Soddam Hussein.

"Whether this is part of a new push by Saddam Hussein, you'll have in ask Saddam Hussein," a spokesman said. "We're treating this as an isolated incident."

Baghdad also issued a protest to the United Nations, saying the air-exclusion zones im-posed by the Gulf War allies on northern and southern Iraq were illegal, and it warned of a right to self-defense.

"Iraq reserves its full right to legitimate selfdefense in accordance with international law and the UN Charter," the Iraqis said.

The Defense Department said Thursday that its planes had dropped cluster bombs and laser-

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Israel was gearing up for massive reprisals com-parable to the weeklong shelling and air strikes in late July.

That assault, dubbed "Operation Accountability," came after Israeli soldiers had been killed in Lebanon, and it left more than 130 people dead and 250,000 Lebanese temporarily

Hundreds of nervous civilians in southern Lebanon reportedly fled for safer areas Thursday out of fear that Israel would attack again. The lighting in July ended with a United States-arranged cease-fire under which the Israclis called off its operation and the Hezboliah agreed in stop firing rockets at towns and

settlements in Israel. Hezbollah never promised, though, to stop attacking Isracli forces or the Lebanese militia. Lieutenant General Ehud Barak, the Isracli chief of staff, said that the events Thursday had nothing to do with cease-fire understandings because Israeli towns were not attacked. Should they be, "we will know what to do," General Barak said

Despite Israel's initial low-key response, the high casualty came as a shock to many people here and produced calls for retaliation, within the government as well as generally.

I do not think we can sit quietly in the face of this murderous act," said Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, a former general. An-other official said that "nothing in the ceasefire says that our troops have to be sitting ducks — that is intolerable, and we will protect our soldiers."

It seems that in deciding what military action to take, Mr. Rabin will have to weigh a combination of domestic political demands, military realities and the likely effects of all-out retaliation on the troubled peace negotiations, which are scheduled to rezume in Washington on Aug. 31 after considerable massaging of all parties by the United States.

The first bombing occurred before dawn, tearing through a patrol of Israeli soldiers who apparently were closely bunched and especially ulnerable when they touched off the explosive

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GRAPPLING WITH THE MAP — President Alija Izetbegovic on his way to the talks in Geneva on Thursday. He said later that no progress had been made on the carving up of Bosnia-Herzegovina and that he was "not an optimist" about a rapid resolution. Page 2.

## Waiting for Godot,' and Peace, in Bosnia

By John Pomfret

Washington Pass Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina --- Call it waiting for Clinton or waiting for air strikes, or for freedom.

Call it waiting for water, electricity or gas. Call it waiting for gunshots, sniper fire and the point between the swish of the tank shell and its

The U.S. Office on Smoking and Health,

part of the Centers for Disease Control and

revention, released a report linking smok-

ing to a form of the blood disorder myeloid

leukemia, a cancer of the bone marrow that

causes an uncontrolled proliferation of

"Since the causes of leukemia are largely unknown," the report read, "this would

make smoking the leading known cause of leukemia." The risk of developing myeloid

leukemia is 50 percent greater for smokers than for nonsmokers, it added.

blast. Call it waiting for peace - or waiting for weeks. "This is morning duty," she said with a death - in this crumbling city.

wry smile. "It's fuel for my actors. I mean, Susan Sontag, the American writer and direcusually actors stand in place when you direct tor, looked a bit guilty stuffing aging bread rolls into her arty cotton shoulder bag. She had them. Here they just lie down on the stage. This war has worn them out." Miss Sontag then changed the subject. "Look," she said, "it was already put about 15 into the bag and was reaching for three more in the dining room of the Holiday Inn, her home for the last five

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The currency market has long believed the United States favored a weak dollar to counter America's huge trade deficit with Japan. A weaker dollar would lower the cost of U.S. goods in Japan and raise the costs of Japanese goods in the United States. But analysts said a dollar worth less than 100

yea might be a case of taking a good thing too far. While the effects of the weak dollar could take up to two years to translate into improved trade, the decline in the currency could have the undesired effect of pushing up inflation. The U.S. goal is to push the Japanese trade

surplus down to 2 percent of the country's gross domestic product from the current 3.5 percent, said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics, a research insti-tute considered close to the Democratic Party. To accomplish that goal, Mr. Bergsten said, the dollar should be worth 100 year.

The Fed's intervention on Thursday also supported the dollar against most other curren-cies. At the end of New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.6874 Deutsche marks, and the pound fell in \$1.5055 from \$1.5175.

The French franc, however, gained on the dollar, recovering some of the ground it lost following the effective collapse of the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism. The dollar fell to 5.8935 francs from 5.9000. The dollar was unchanged at 1.4860 Swiss francs.

But overall, the intervention was effective. The move devastated dealers who had sold dollars short, expecting declines after news of the huge jump in the U.S. trade gap. "The market was short and the Fed was very effective," said Steven Jury, chief dealer at UBS Securities in New York.

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"The trade numbers were awful," said David Cocker, currency strategist at Chemical Bank in London. "People were expecting higher exports and higher imports, we got the higher imports but not the higher exports." He said the trade gap with Japan was much as expected, the deficit with Europe seemed to be the problem. German M-3 money supply data also came

as a surprise, growing at an annual rate of 7.5 percent in July against 7.0 percent in June. This was basically in line with market expectations but the composition of the figure was worrying, analysts said.

They said much of the 7.5 percent forecast See YEN, Page 12

A Quiet Biography of a Paramount Man By Nicholas D. Kristof ATLANTA (Reuters) — U.S. medical re-searchers have added leukemia to the list of diseases caused by smoking, a U.S. health

Still, since the old man is Deng Xiaoping, the world's most powerful 88-year-old, who almost single-handedly keeps the expression "paramount leader" alive, the biography is causing a sensation even before it is published.

Official Chinese newspapers are publishing long excerpts from the book, which is to be distributed beginning Sept. 10. Translators are at work preparing English, Japanese and Korean editions.

Deng Rong, 43, the book's anthor and Mr. Deng's youngest daughter, makes clear that her aim is not to write a tell-all unanthorized biog-

raphy but rather something closer to a Communist hagiography.

"The reason I want to write about my father is that I respect my father," she explains in an

Despite the lack of juicy disclosures, the new biography fills in many gaps in the public knowledge of the life of Mr. Deng, who turns 89 on Sunday. For example, the encerpts in the newspapers have included rare photographs of Mr. Deng's wife, Zhuo Lin, his third.

In the past, the government has always been extremely reluctant to release information about the personal lives of leaders. Even their dates of birth and the names of their family members were normally supposed to be secret.

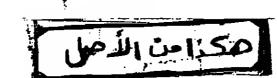
A Politburo member, Li Ruihnan, once cited Chinese expression to explain this shyness:

"People fear fame the way a pig fears being fattened for slaughter."

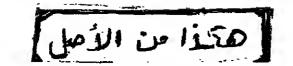
"In the past, there were some books like this, such as the book about Stalin that his daughter wrote," said Zhou Zhixing, the book's editor at the Communist Party Central Literature Publishing House. "But she was critical of Stalin. So from this perspective, this book is a breakthrough.

"This isn't the way children ordinarily write about their parents," Mr. Zhou added. "This places Deng Xiaoping in a historical context. It places him in China's revolutionary history." Mr. Zhou declined to say how many copies of the book would be printed. He did say that Miss Deng was writing the second volume of what will apparently be a two-volume work. More is aheady known of Mr. Deng than of

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New York Times Service BELIING - It is not quite a recipe for a typical best-seller: a doting biography of an old man by his daughter, with no sex, scandal or author's note.



## Vatican Sees an 'Ethical' Opening With Clinton Team

#### By Alan Cowell New York Times Service ROME - Since Pope John Paul II's recent visit to

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the United States, the Vatican senses an opportunity to forge a new relationship with the Clinton administration that will enable it to exert a "moral authority" in world affairs, officials in the papal entourage

"Now that there is no longer an ideological battle, what dimensions are there in world affairs apart from the political and the economic?" asked an official who asked that he not be named. "There's the ethical dimension, and that's where the Vatican comes in."

It remains unclear whether the relationship being sought would resemble that of the early 1980s, when the Pope reportedly collaborated closely with the Reagan administration in the effort to undermine During his four-day stay last week in Denver, the Pope surprised White House officials by publicly opposing the administration's support of a woman's right to an abortion. But the encounter between the Pope and President Bill Clinton, their first, also enabled them to discuss issues ranging from the Bosnian war to the Middle East.

The Pope also left little doubt about his concerns over violence in American cities and what he depicted as a broader moral corrosion in U.S. society caused by the decline of absolute moral values. "President Clinton asked a lot of questions about

the Pope's views," one official said, and the meeting left papal aides with the impression that the administration would welcome a move by the Vatican to bring its "moral authority" to bear in pursuing common goals.

"Both sides are pretty keen on a new relation-ship." said a U.S. official. The upbeat toos marked a shift away from the

strains caused by the Vatican's criticism of the Bush administration's policies in the 1991 Gulf War and

the Clinton administration's actions in Somalia. It also reflected the Pope's desire for new international political arrangements following the Cold War. When he met Mr. Clinton last week, he spoke of the "privileged position" of the United States in world affairs and urged the creation of "more effective structures for maintaining peace and promoting

While the United States and the Vatican share hroadly similar views on some issues, especially the need for peace in Bosnia. Somalia and the Middle East, the mechanics of a new cooperation are far from clear.

Vatican officials made clear that the Pope was oot tooking for a "seat at the table" in any peace negotiations under way, but instead saw his role as a moral voice that might reinforce arguments for peace in a more general way.

While the idea may have some appeal among Vatican officials worried by the unchallenged domi-

nance of the United States in world affairs after the Cold War, diplomats familiar with church matters said the Vatican faced restraints in its own diploma-CY.

In the Middle East, where the Pope is concerned to protect Christians and their places of worship, tailes on establishing full diplomatic relations be-tween the Vancan and Israel are progressing slowly.

And the Vatican's influence in the Balkans and the former Soviet Union is limited by the religious undercurrents of conflicts pitting Orthodox Chris-tians, like the Serbs, against Muslims at a time when the Roman Catholic Church still has deep and unresolved differences with Orthodox leaders.

In broader terms, the idea of a new diplomacy is complicated by the fact that, since the end of the Cold War, religion has changed its role in many places, ceasing to be a railying point against commu-nism and becoming a marker of identity in ethnic conflicts from the Caucasus to the Balkans.

WORLD BRIEFS

## Gadhafi Calls for Talks on 2 Suspects

GLASGOW (Reuters) — The Libyan leader, Moammar Gadhafi, has called for negotiations over a trial for two Libyans suspected of the bomb attack on Pan American World Airways jumbo jet over Scotland in December 1988, in which 270 people were killed. "Sanctions will never lead to a trial," Colonel Gadhafi said in a relevision interview beredited here on Thursday "And star will more

television interview broadcast here on Thursday. "And war will never

"But through negotiations and understanding they could appear before a court," he added in the interview earlier this week with a Scottish lead to a trial." television reporter in Tripoli. The United States, Britain and France said they would seek a UN Security Council resolution imposing stiffer-sanctions in oil-related, financial and technological areas unless Libya handed over the two men for trial by Oct. 1.

### **Blackouts Stir Discontent in Havana**

HAVANA (Reuters) - Lengthy nighttime hlackouts caused by fuel shortages at power plants have provoked vandalism and outbursts of popular anger directed against the government, foreign diplomats and Havana residents said Thursday.

Those interviewed reported numerous apparently spontaneous and unrelated incidents in which individuals or groups had damaged state and private property and should anti-government slogans in many neighbor-

private property and should anti-government slogans in many neighbor-hoods of the Cuban capital over the last few weeks. Cuba's tightly controlled state media have maintained silence about the incidents. Speaking privately, government officials acknowledged discontent over the current economic crisis, although they sought to play down its political significance. But tension and frustration over daily hardships have surfaced among many of Havana's 2 million inhabitants. "People are very aggressive at the moment," a resident said.

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### **Delors Confirms He Will Leave EC**

PARIS (Reuters) - The president of the EC Commission, Jacques Delors, confirmed Thursday that he would step down as the Communi-ty's top executive next year, but declined to say if he would run for the rench presidency. Mr. Delors has stirred resistance to his releatless campaign to set the

Mr. Denois has suffed resistance to ins relatives campaign to set the Community on the road to a single market and a single currency. Governments among the 12 states have fiercely opposed giving too much power to the commission, the Community's executive ann. Mr. Delors took over at the commission in 1985 and would complete his fifth two-year term at the end of 1994.

### Suit in U.S. Seeks to Bar Demjanjak

NEW YORK (Remens) - A group of Holocanst survivors and a U.S. ongressman filed a law suit Thursday in an effort to stop John Demjan-

congressman filed a law suit Thursday in an effort to stop John Demjan-juk, acquitted by Israel of charges he was a sadistic Nazi death-camp guard, from re-entering the United States. Mr. Danjanjuk was stripped of U.S. citizenship in 1981, extradited to Israel and sentenced to death. The Israeli Supreme Court ruled Wednesday against trying Mr. Dem-janjuk on other charges, but it is hearing appeals. It is to decide Mr. Demjanjuk's faste Friday. If he is freed, he is expected to try to return at once to his home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Representative Jerrold Nadler, a Democrat of New York, and a group called Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice sued the Justice Department for an order barring Attorney General Janet Reno from allowing Mr. Demjanjuk back into the United States.

### Azerbaijan Says Foes Took Key City

MOSCOW (Reuter) — Azerbaijan said Thursday that Armenian troops had captured the key southern town of Cebrayil and were driving A toward the Iranian border.

The fall of Cebrayil was the latest in a series of military disasters to hit I ne tall of Ceptayli was the intest in a series of miniary dissists to hill Azerbaijan since Armenians began a major offensive earlier this year to strengthen their hold on the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. The development will alarm Tehran, which fears a refugee flood and has twice expressed concern in recent days at the scale of the fighting. The Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, denounced the Armenian attacks on Azerbaijani chies and said Tehran would do all it could to

TAIPEI (Renters) --- The governing Knomintang elected a 210-member Central Committee on Thursday, replacing many old-guard conser-

vatives with younger, more progressive politicians. The new policy-making body was chosen by delegates to the party's 14th congress from 369 candidates — 210 nominated by President Lee Teng-hui, the newly re-elected party chief, and 159 by the delegates. The bulk of those chosen are members of parliament and government officials. The more powerful Central Standing Committee, whose 31 members are drawn from the Central Committee, will be selected next week. On Wednesday the party announced that eight members of the tanding committee would be retired to make room for younger members.

## **Bosnian President Holds Out for More Territory**

By Peter Maass

Washington Post Service GENEVA - The Bosnian president. Alija Izetbegovic, ap-parently making little headway at the negotiating table, publicly in-sisted Thursday that Serbian and Croatian rebels hand back territory now devoid of Muslims, and he voiced pessimism over the prospects for a speedy accord.

Mr. Izetbegovic said that the rival factions "should not ask that Muslim territories be included in their republics." Speaking at a press conference, he added, "I don't think we are asking for too much

Mr. Izetbegovic outlined a set of eight conditions, including the lifting of the sieges of Sarajevo and Mostar, that he said would determine the fate of talks on partitioning Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"I am oot an optimist," the Bosnian Muslim leader cooeluded, referring to the prospects of reaching an accord.

[In contrast, the Serbian presi-dent, Slobodan Milosevic, said on Thursday that Bosnia's warring parties were within reach of a final settlement of their 16-month war, Reuters reported from Gene-

["I believe that we have all the elements we need for a final settlement." Mr. Milosevic said after late-night talks with mediators and his Bosnian Serbian protegé. Radovan Karadzic, oo maps of an enhnically divided Bosnia. "But we'll see what happens tomorrow. Tomorrow is a critical day."]

Mr. Izetbegovie also said that he was not empowered to sign any accord in Geneva, because the Bosnian parliament would have the final say. Many parliament members represent areas that are slated to fall under Serbian or

Croatian control. UN officials said privately that for the first time in more than two



A young Bosnian chatting on Thursday in central Sarajevo with a French soldier whose battalion is part of the United Nations force.

## After 2 Months, Mostar Gets UN Convoy

pressed efforts to get the remain-Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - A United Nations aid convoy reached Bosnia's battered second city, Mostar, on Thursday

Relief authorities said the

health situation in Mostar, an eth-

nically mixed city of 120,000, was

"very alarming." Medical sup-plies, particularly blood for trans-

UN relief workers delivered

UN peacekeepers, meanwhile.

medicine to the main bospital in the Croatian-held part of Mostar.

fusions, are scarce.

ing Serbian troops off a strategic said everything was in place for mountain overlooking Sarajevo, NATO air strikes against Serbian which would remove a potential obstacle to peace talks in Geneva. A spokesman for the UN force, enant Commander Barry

forces in Bosnia, should Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali give the go-shead. But a new outburst on Thurs-

In New York, a UN spokesman from the air-strike plans. "When I see the situation of total confusion bere in Bosnia, and the dispersal of my troops, this sort of attack or air war does not seem to me to be advisable at all to resolve the problems here," he said on

Germans May Permit Terrorists a Jail Meeting

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service BERLIN - Seeking to avoid a new wave of leftist terrorism, German officials may allow impris-oned terrorists to meet in the hope that they will urge their comrades outside to refrain from violence. Politicians and prosecutors are hotly debating the issue. Some are strongly opposed to giving the con-victed terrorists any concessions, but others say the idea could save

After a bungled police ambush in the eastern town of Bad Kleinen two months ago, in which a police-man killed a captured Red Army Faction member, apparently in cold blood, the far-left group issued a statement warning that it would soon begin a new campaign. Many law enforcement officials

took the warning seriously. The Red Army Faction has shown itself able to kill prominent Germans with virtual impunity, al-though it has oot done so since

1991 Against this background, some officials have welcomed the request made by prisoners from the Red Army Faction. According to press reports, the prisoners want to be brought together for about two weeks

They say they want to hold dis-cussions that could lead them to issue a statement calling for an end

to attacks. Eighteen members of the Red Army Faction are being held in eight prisons. Most are serving long terms for morder and other serious

sediate in the war.

### **Taiwan Panel Has Some Fresh Faces**

mands as desperate eleventh-hour pleas, and they expressed cautious bope for nailing down an accord by the weekend

With the threat of U.S.-led air strikes on the Serbs virtually forgotten here, and with the Bosnian Army stretched to the limit, many officials have expressed the view that Mr. Izeubegovic has little choice but to accept the deal on offer from the Serbs and Croats.

Mr. Milosevic and President Franjo Tudjman of Creatia attended the talks Thursday at the invitation of the international mediators Lord Owen and Thorvaid Stoltenberg. The mediators hoped that they would use their influence with the Bosaiaa Serbs and Croats to sweeten the deal a bit for Mr. Izetbegovic.

But sources at the conference said that the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, was not willing to hand back the cities in eastern Bosaia that were dominated by Muslims before the war - such as Foca, Visegrad, Zvornik and Bijehina - from which Muslims have been removed by "ethnic cleansing."

sources, the "compromise" being offered to Mr. Izetbegovic by the Serbs, and condoned by the mediators, is to accept a few tracts of land that will join together the three Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia - Gorazde, Srehrenica and Zepa - and connect them to Saraievo.

By Jane Perlez

New York Times Service

years after the Communist system

collapsed, a sharp debate is devel-

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Michigan<sup>\*</sup> "It's pretty basic." said the teenager, his English liberally spiced with a California beach siang. "I mean wow? The UN is living io the twilight zone." Mr. Bukvic is one of seven students from According to conference the University of Sarajevo who have scholarships to Grand Valley State University, a

> Grand Rapids. Orientation for students from abroad be-

gas Friday.

has been barred by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees because, as an official said in a letter, it could "be considered re-

Frewer, said the United Nations day by the UN commander in was concerned that about 100 Bosnia, Lientenant General Fran-Serbian soldiers remained on cis Brioucmont, against NATO's plans joited the unified image that Mount Igman, which they had agreed to leave on Saturday. But the alliance hopes will influence added that the situation was the Bosnian Serbs.

For the second time this week. calm and stable because the Serbs and in the face of U.S. criticism of were equipped only with small arms and were relaxed and ready his earlier comments, General Briquemont dissociated himself

Belgian radio.

General Briquemont expressed resentment Tuesday about the way planners for the United States and the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization had pressed for air strikes. He said he had not been adequately consulted.

(Renters, AP)

## 7 Students Trapped in 'Unbesieged' City For Sarajevo Scholarship Winners, Reaching U.S. Unlikely

#### Washington Pini Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Nefactions din Bukvic, a university sophomore at 17, bas a question for the United Nations: If Sarajevo is no looger uoder siege, as UN officials now contend, why can't he leave and go to the United States to enroll on a scholarship in

to withdraw.

school of 13,000 students on the outskirts of

Their departure from Sarajevo, however,

motely antagonistic by any of the warring How the departure of Mr. Bukvic and the

others from Sarajevo could be perceived as "antagonistic" toward any of the three far-- Croais. Muslims and Serbs - entions gaged in this war is not clear. Of the seven students, two are Muslims. two are Croais, two are Serts and one. Letia

Sabangic, a junior majoring in psychology, is the child of a mixed marriage. The predicaraent of Mr. Bukvic and the

others highlights the continuing siege in this bartle-scarred city and the persistent mability and, some residents charge, unwillingness of the UN to lift it. As the rules now stand, few Bosnians other

than political figures are permitted to leave. This has created fertile opportunity for corruption. UN troops reutinely sell a trip across the airport runway in an ermored personnel carrier for the equivalent of \$60 in Deutsche marks.

The United Nations peacekeepers recently canned Bosnian journalists from UN aircraft because of "abuses" of the accreditation system, said Lieutenant Commander Barry Frewer, a Canadian who is chief spokesman here for the UN force.

Officials said the reason was that United Nations employees at the civil allairs office in Sarajevo had been selling accreditation cards. Instead of acknowledging their inability to lift the siege. UN officials starting last week began denying that it existed.

Mr. Burvic and his schoolmates have been watching this performance with amazement, wondering where it will leave them. Next month he reaches 18, the military service age. and the permission he received from the Bosman government to leave might be revoked Once that bappens I'm going to war," he

"I don't know, man," he went on "I don't think I'm a fighter. I'm studying economics." — JOHN POMFRET

towers, pedestrian mall, shops and

Many of the residents, most of

whom are eldedy and have fived in

the tiny apartments there all their

lives, oppose the project, known as

the Madach Promenade Business

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Last year, the government sug-gested it might allow their early release if the group halted its 23year-old terror campaign.

"In the wake of the Bad Kleinen, it is urgent to do everything we can to prevent an escalation by the Red Army Faction," said Peter Caesar. justice minister in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, where two terrorists are being held. "Every initiative should be considered." Justice ministers in several other states have also endorsed the Red

Army Faction's proposal But other officials have urged that the Red Army Faction mem-bers not be allowed to meet. They say allowing a gathering would

amount to granting concessions to some of Germany's most violent killers

"It is both politically and legally unacceptable to buy something from criminals by fulfilling conditions that they lay down " said Rupert Scholz, a leading member of parliament

Newspapers have also joined the debate. Among those endorsing the Red Army Faction's proposal was Kölnische Rundschau, which said that might be "the only way to break out of the spiral of violence and counterviolence.

Others denounced the idea After the clear failings of seco-

nity officers in Bad Kleinen, there have been widespread calls to limit the damage," Flensburger Tage-blatt said, "But the government does not gain any credibility by kneeling in front of imprisoned members of the Red Army Faction in order to prevent a reaction."

Political fallout from the Bad Kleinen assault, in which one po-lice officer was killed and another seriously wounded, is continuing in

Bonn. It has already cost Germany's interior minister and the chief federal prosecutor their jobs. On Wednesday the government

presented parliament with a report on the assault. It said the police officers in the clite GSG-9 commando unit had made 17 serious errors in planning and execution.

ple should move?" a woman asked According to the report, the unit at a town meeting called last week conducted the assault without consulting other agencies pursing the Red Army Faction. It also failed to provide bullesproof vests, did not

have emergency medical teams on call and used radio frequencies on congested bands. The report asserted that officials

mishandled evidence in the affeir and gave misleading accounts of what happened.

> 6 Killed at India Dam Site The Associated Press

NEW DELHI - At least six construction workers at the site of a hydroclectric dam in northern In-

dia were killed when explosives used to blast tunnels detonated. news agencies reported Thursday.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

### **Riviera Waters 'Safe' After Mishap**

MARSEILLE (Renters) - The French anthonities declared beaches collution-free after a collision between a French nuclear submarine and a upertanker.

There is no threat to beaches at the moment." Lieutenant Commander Michel Leutard of the French Navy said. The accident occurred late Tuesday as the 2,385-ton nuclear-propelled Rubis submarine surfaced off its Toulon base. Shortly before its periscope broke water, the submarine collided with the Lyria, a French-owned 277,734-ton tanker on its way to nearby Fos-sur-Mer. The collision ripped a 40-centimeter (16-inch) gash on the supertanker's hall, causing two oil spills.

The medieval tapestry "The Lady and the Unicorn" at the Chmy muscum in Paris will be relung in a room with special lighting that combines optical-fiber technology and lenses, replacing the existing conventional overhead lighting. The new lighting will preserve the fragile fabric of the tapestry, woven between 1489 and 1500. (AFP)

Romanian locomotive engineers have ended their crippling one-week pay strike after the government threatened to sack the strikers and send security forces into stations. (Reuters)

Germany will not compensate German tourists stranded abroad by # travel agents who have gone broke, Justice Minister Sabine Lentheusser-Schnarrenberger said Thursday. Thousands of German tourists had their return flights from America canceled Wednesday because a German agency. Marlo Reisen, had not paid up. The minister unged tourists to check the agencies carefully before booking. (Reuters)

The state-owned strine of Trisidad and Tobaga, BWIA International will introduce a weekly service to Zurich starting Nov. 1. (AFP)

South Africa has dropped visa requirements for citizens of the United States, Canada, European Community nations, Japan and several other commiss, the state television reported Thursday. (AFP) (AFP)

## **Ex-Contras Take Group of Hostages**

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the army said.

members of a group called the who were negotiating the demobili-Northern Front 3-80, were de zation of the Northern Front 3-80, manding the resignations of Gener- the military said.

al Humberto Ortega Saavedra, head of the army, and Antonio La- the U.S.-trained and financed concayo, chief of staff for President tra rebels during the eight-year war Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, said with the Sandinista government Ligutenant Milton Sandoval, an

army spokesman . . "We have our troops fresh and

ready to go for any military ac-tion," he said. "We are awaiting word from the government."

But the gaenilles have threat-ened to kill their captives if troops are sent in, he said.

The former contras, who fought against the Sandinista government in the 1980s, have also asked for the mediation of Cardinal Miguel

MANAGUA - A group of for- olic primate of Nicaragua. mer contra rebels took legislators, There was no immediate There was no immediate word on

soldiers and members of a human how many hostages the rebels were rights commission hostage in holding in the town of Quilah in northern Nicaragua on Thursday, northern Nicaragua. But the captives included at least three men-The hostage-takers, identified as bers of the National Assembly,

> Quilali was a center of action for Former guerrillas from both

sides have been wreaking havoc in the country's isolated northern regions for two years, demanding that the government faifill prom ises of land reform and economic conortunities.

Earlier this week, the National Assembly approved an amnesty for armed groups responsible for han-dreds of kidnappings and killings. an action that the opposition ma clear would add to political fee-SIOT. (Renters, AP)

Architects and town planners say they feel an added responsibility because, in the wealthiest city in Eastern Europe, what happens bere is likely to he an example for Prague and Warsaw. Some rules for urban renewal

the fore here as city leaders and Some priorities are being estabcitizens alike confront decades of lished, particularly to do something neglect of an eclectic architectural about the chaotic traffic and pollaberitage that ranges from a graceful tion caused by the greatest concen-Nec-Gothic parliament building to tration of cars in Eastern Europe. fanciful Art Nouveau bathhouses. But little has been done to re-But little has been done to re-Pushing the concerns is Budasolve the conflict between a chronic pest's position, with a population housing shortage that has left many city residents crammed into runof more than 2 million, as a commercial headquarters for \$5 billion down, crime-ridden apartment ouldings and the desires of develof post-Communist foreign investment in Hungar, the largest in any opers to build or renovate for more country in the region. lucrative commercial use.

From his spacious office with modern paintings and classic Huagarian chairs, the city's deputy mayor for urban development. Istvan Schneller, struggles with these issues every day.

In Faded Budapest, Growing Debate Over Face-Lift

"It is very hard to preserve the have been set: new construction is city against the investors," said Mr. welcome, but not skyscrapers. Schneller, who was an architect be-

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"I don't want to be against the creator, but I would like to chanaci the development farther along the Danube." he said. "But everyone wants to be very close to the 2310101

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struct in Paris.

DUSSELDORF - The police raided the homes of 17 rightist extremists Thursday, a police spokesman said. Members of the gang are suspects in the desecration of a lewish centery and in an attack en a foreign asylum-seeker.

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At the beart of Budapest's debate is an urban renewal proposal for the city's most crowded and run-down maker district. The mayor of District 7, the site of Budapest's lewish cuarter and home to seven

sent many a foreign developer back

to the drawing board to scale back

For example, be rejected a plan

lding near the city stadium, a

by French developers for a 40-story

height. Mr. Schneiler noted, that

they would not be allowed to con-

to discuss the project. Mr. Schneller, who holds great sway on whether development plans receive permits, said be would not oppose the project, the biggest commercial development

proposal under consideration in Budapest, But he has reservations. Rather than case traffic conges-

tion, the complex would just move

the traffic a few blocks away, he said. And expressing a per worry.

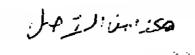
he said he would uv to persuade a Hungarian architect, Janos Post-

vestors and knock some floors off the highest tower in his plan. "We don't need tall buildings at

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## STATESIDE / HANGING OUT

## Vacation Isle of the Famous Draws One More

By Mary Ann French.

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Washington Post Sprice. MARTHA'S VINEYARD, - Massachu-eus - There are no innos here, but plenty And what of her? Of the irony of the scelebrines. No deadlines, but loads of big., president's seeming to follow her as the conseus - There are no innos here, but plenty of celebrines. No deadlines, but loads of big. name journalists. Academic geniuses reading romance oovels on porch swings. More policymakers than one could easily find on "I think the island is big enough for both any August day in Washington. And yet, of us," she said of the 120 square miles, when they leave this island to cross the five [labout 310 square kilometers) of grit deposit-miles of water separating it from the main-land they say they're "ooms to America". It's a place where the famous come to be

land, they say they're "going to America." It's a place where the famous come to be This is where Bill Clinton and his family - anonymous. They can choose to stay home arrived Thursday for 11 days of vacation.

His last visit, as far as anyone can recol- undisturbed or go to the supermarket withlect, was for the wedding of Lani Guinier, the out being mobbed. Vineyarders are too cool lawyer whose nomination to a Justice De- to care. partment job he so badly bungled. The wed-ing was another August in 1986. Ms. Grino. cy," says "William Styron, the novelist. "I it," the writer said. "Part of being an islander ier is on the island now, biking and beaching- don't allow any more intrusion to my life with ber family teaching ber can it then it don't have been being an islanders in any way. with her family, teaching her son, 9, to swim. than I desire." He has been coming to the

"There is an intimacy here," Ms. Guinier Vineyard for 30 years and lives in a house

said: People trust each other. There is on with a private beach that's well hidden from Mr. Clinton is staying, is out toward Gar. Head and down a dirt road.

"When I first came here it certainly was not nearly as well known as it is now," he said. "It was very off the beaten track. Very itoversy over her failed nomination followed few people of a certain sort even knew it him? Think the island is big enough for both existed. It's only in the last 10 to 15 years it's become well known."

More than a few Vinevarders are complaining about the motorcades on the narrow streets and winding roads. And they grouse about the growing rumor that Mr. Clinton is searching for a permanent summer home. But they don't mean it, said a prominent alone or socialize informally. They can work writer who asked not to be identified.

"I think Vineyard people are delighted the shape or form." The estate of Robert S. McNamara, where

But you won't know it unless you know ht The seaside complex of 15 or so houses is in a section called Ovster-Watcha Midlands, Thirteen people, including Kathanne Graham, chairman of The Washington Post Co., bought the tract of 460 acres 30 years age for \$2.3 million. Mr. McNamara's house is simple - two stories of gray cedar shinglesurrounded by sassafras and bayberry. It's called Sandpiper Point.

### The president's people are pretty mum on his plans. He's supposedly booked time at the Farm Neck Golf Club every day.

Jacqueiine Onassis and Mrs. Graham are both expected to entertain. And girls the same age as Chelsea have published letters in he local paper inviting her to join them rabbing and swimming, and warning her ibout ticks.

## **Internal Revenue Service Flunks Audit Big-Time**

#### By Stephen Barr

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The Internal Reveoue Service, which has made many an-American anxious over an audit, recently underwent a comprehensive audit of its own --- its first. Among the findings:

• A video display terminal costing \$752 was valued in IRS inventory records at \$5.6 million. • \$36,000 was paid for a maintenance

cootract for a minicomputer that had been idle for three years.

• Thirty-two duplicate payments and overpayments worth \$500,000 were found in a review of 280 payments to vendors, and 112 payments totaling \$17.2 million lacked complete supporting documenta-

The IRS examples are but a small slice of one of the federal government's most

serious problems: financial books that are Senate Governmental Affairs Committee out of whack, perhaps by tens of billions hearing earlier this mooth. of dollars The committee chairman, Senator John

Unlike America's major companies or even the keeper of the family checkbook, Glenn, Democrat of Ohio, said there should be no double standard when it comes to financial management. "Amerimost federal agencies have trouble trackcans should not put up with an IRS that ing where money is being spent and can-not produce error-free financial statemakes demands on them which it cannot ments, according to the Generat Accounting Office. meet itself," be said.

The committee's ranking Republican, William V. Roth Jr. of Delaware, said: "It Previous audits by the office found never fails to amaze me. If private industry more than \$200 billion in accounting erkept its accouots like we do in govern-ment, they'd be in jail." rors by the army and air force, more than \$500 million worth of errors in financial As with many of the bureaucracy's statements of the National Aeronautics problems, there seems to be no single anand Space Administration and record-keeping troubles at the State Department swer to why many financial records are unreliable.

and Department of Veteraos Affairs. Charles A. Bowsher, the comptroller The accounting office report on the general and head of the accounting office, problems at the IRS was discussed at a in testimony before Mr. Glenn's commit-

tee, arged President Bill Clinton to make financial management a high priority.

The internal revenue commissioner, Margaret Milner Richardson, told the committee that the IRS was undergoing "a major reorganization" that included consolidating financial management programs under the agency's chief financial officer.

testified that the agency's tax systems modernization project should help provide better information about revenues collected, taxes owed and the status of seized assets. Interim steps to improve tRS ac-counting and budgeting systems will be made while the project is implemented. The project is scheduled for completion in the next decade at an estimated cost of \$23 billion, accounting office figures show.

IRS computers are outdated, and she



President Clinton boarding Air Force One in Springdale, Arkansas, on his way to Massachusetts.

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## POLITICAL NOTES \*

#### Millions Reached Out to Weigh In on Budget.

WASHINGTON — The phones are quiet on Capitol Hill oow, but tallies show that the Senate may have heard more from America in the week leading up to the passage of President Bill Clinton's budget than ever before.

udget than ever before. More than 3,6 million calls were routed through the Senate which than 5,6 minion can's were routed infough the Senate switchboard from Monday, Ang. 2, to Friday, Ang. 6, according to Patty McNally, the Senate sergeant-at-arms. On Aug. 4 and 5, the final days of the president's "do or die" budget-debate, nearly a million calls came through each day. Dialing has reached such heights before, but for briefer peaks; for

example, a million calls were received one day during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of Judge Clarence

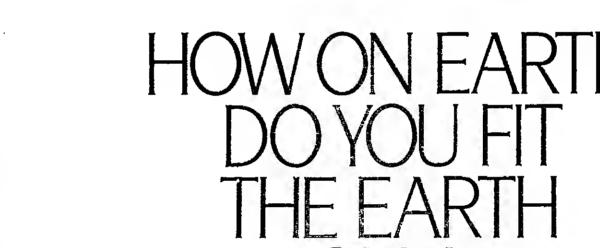
Judiciary Committee hearings on the nonination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court in October 1991. The rate of calls rose sharply after Mr. Clinton and Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate Republican leader, spoke on opposite sides of the issue on Aug. 3 and medicans to call their lawmakers. On Aug. 2, 190,042 calls went through the Senate switchboard, Ms. McNally said; the next day, that figure jumped to 636,876; and on-Aug. 4 it, reached the busiest level of the yeek, 985,349. Moreover, many more calls were made but did not get through, according to Herb Linnen, a spokesman for AT&T. From Aug. 3 through the evening of Aug. 6, when the president's economic plan-was approved with Vice President Al Gore casting the tio-breaking vote, more than 5 million calls to Congress were initiated Mr. Linnen said. (NYT) Linnen said. (NYT).

Aspin Calls For Probe **Of SDI Test** 

By Tim Weiner New York Tunies Serner WASHINGTON - Secretary of Defense Les Aspin has ordered an investigation into reports that a test of the "star wars" missile defense program was rigged in 1984 and the results were manipulated. But the defense secretary at the

time, Caspar W. Weinberger, and the officer who ran the test for the Strategic Defense Initiative program denied the accusations.

Mr. Aspin said the allegations, inade by four former Reagan ad-ministration officials familiar with the missile defense program, raised serious questions.



#### The White House Renovation Tab Climbs

WASHINGTON - The office of Hillary Rodham Clintoo has acknowledged that costs for renovating the White House family quarters have escalated to \$400,000 but has not disclosed who is

quarters have escalated to \$400,000 but has not disclosed who is donating money to pay the bills.
"We will release the information about the contributions when the renovations are complete along with a report about what was done." sid Lisa Caputo, press sceretary to the first lady.
Ms. Caputo would not speculate on a completion date, but she described the project as "well along the way." According to the White House, no public funds are slated to be used.
Redecoration of the two upper floors has been beset by delays, unplanned overtime and escalating costs, according to White House officials and other sources.
Until last week, the White House had maintained silence oo the work in progress, which is being directed by Kaki Hockersmith, the Clintons' interior designer from Little Rock, Arkansas Bun rising costs were acknowledged after disclosure that Vincent W. Foster Jr. a deputy White House counsel, had made reference to Ms. Hockersmith and the 'redecoration in a note written shortly before his suicide last month.

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About the concerns expressed in the note, MS. Caputo said: "We have no reason to believe there is anything wrong. We can only think that Vince was unclear about the costs." Figures for the cost of renovating the family quarters and the Oval Office have swelled. In March they were estimated at \$250,000; in June, at \$377,000, and currently, at \$400,000, according to Ms. Caputo. She added that the figures did not include the value of furnishings, fabrics and wallpaper donated by manufacturers. (WP)

### Quote / Unquote

Dorothy M. Craig of Midland, Texas, who presides over an eodowment fund that raises money for White House redecorating, acknowledging that President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, spent "next to oothing" on improvements: "My dear friends George and Bar are thrifty New Englanders." (WP)

### **Away From Politics**

• Military investigators are looking into allegations that Marines from Camp Pendleton in California appeared in pornographic videos and magazines. Police officials said that at least two dozen and perhaps as many as 200 Marines were paid to pose and have sex for the mail-order material, which was advertised in sexually graphic homoserual material. homosexual magazines.

• A cruise ship sustained heavy damage, took on water and apparent-ly leaked fuel when it struck a rock in the middle of Glacier Bay-National Park in Alaska. All 134 passengers on board the ship, the Yorktown Clipper, were safely evacuated within hours of the acci-dent, which occurred in the bay about 45 miles west of Juneau.

• A federal policy to exact fees from universities that operate nuclear reactors threatens to put some science programs out of business, some academic researchers say. The Nuclear Regulatory Commis-sion plans to charge \$62,100 for an annual operating permit, which used to be free.

• Scores on standardized tests for college-bound high school su-dents rose slightly for the second straight year nationwide. The College Board, which administers the Scholastic Assessment Tests. or SA Ts, also said that a downward trend in the scores of virtually all

ethnic groups had haited. • Rodney G. King, whose beating at the hands of Los Angeles police officers resulted in two trials of the officers involved, has joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and National Association for the Angeles neighborhoods. will work with the group in Los Angeles neighborhoods.

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that a Reagan administration program to feed disinformation about the program to the Soviet Union had overstepped its bounds and led to the manipulation of the key 1984 experiment

According to the officials, who asked not to be identified, electronic beacons were placed on a target missile and an interceptor missile to ensure that the interceptor could find the target.

In interviews Wednesday, the officer in charge of the 1984 experi-ment, Engene Fox, a retired major general who commaoded the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, said the beacons had been put on the intercep-tor and target missiles only for rea-sons of safety and prudence, oot to in the test ng the test.

Without the beacons, he said, there would have been a risk that the interceptor would go astray and miss the opportunity to obtain crucial test results.

The beacons were also needed in ensure that the interceptor's on-board sensors could detect the gen-eral location of the target, but they did not guarantee an interception, he said.

Mr. Weinberger said he had not anthorized an effort aimed at fool-ing the Soviet Union about SDI. "The Soviets were perfectly well aware of most of what we were doing," he said, "and could read most of our data as well as we could read theirs. For that reason, the whole idea of a deception program seems to me quite absurd."

The investigation announced by Mr. Aspin was prompted in part by a request from Senator David H. Pryor, a Democrat of Arkansas, who has long been critical of the missile defense program.

In a letter sent and made public Wednesday, he asked the Pentagon to determine whether Congress had been deceived by SDI program managers and whether President Ronald Rengan or his White House staff had known that inaccurate information was given to Congress by military officials or contractors. The senator said the Govern-

ment Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, was already investigating the accusations.

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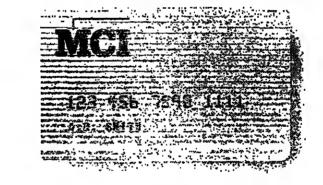
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Outside a hospital in Haifa on Thursday, the bodies of a squad of Israeli soldiers killed by a remote-control bomb lay waiting.

today. And during the same time period, the number who think their

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jumped from 4 percent to 14 per-

## Khmer Rouge Base **Comes Under Siege** By Force of 2,500

By William Branigin Washington Post Service

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PHNOM PENH - In a major turn of events in Cambodia's long-running civil war, troops of the former Phnom Penh government and two non-Communist guerrilla groups that opposed it are pressing a joint offensive against a new common foe: the Khmer Rouge.

In a second day of fighting in northwestern Cambodia, 2,500 soldiers of the country's two-monthold interim coalition government on Thursday besieged a Khmer Rouge logistics base in the village of Phum Chat on the border with Thailand, UN officials said.

The base was held by as many as 500 guerrillas, the officials said.

The troops of the interim government's newly unified army fired artillery at the base and occupied positions on three sides of it after an attempt on Wednesday to cap-ture it was repulsed, said Erie Falt, a spokesman for the UN peace-keeping mission in Cambodia.

He said that government forces also had attacked Khmer Rouge units in two other villages of Banteay Meanchey Province and were reported to be on the move elsewhere in Camhodia. The oumber of casualties in the fighting was oot immediately known.

The offensive, the biggest since the UN peacekeeping mission began in Cambodia a year and a half ago, marks the first test of the new national army, and diplomats said

**DENG:** A Respectful Biography day in November 1989 when the

**Continued from Page 1** most Chinese leaders, and a halfdozen biographies have been written about him in the West. But it turns out that some of the informa-

tion has been wrong. Previous biographers appear to have misreported the given name of Mr. Deng's second wife, who apparently was Zhang Xiyuan rather than Zhang Qianyuan. In a grave miscalculation, she divorced him in 1933 because he was in political disgrace, and she assumed his career was over.

Mr. Deng's first wife died in childbirth, His present wife has borne all five of his children,

Miss Deng adds other personal details, reporting matters like a fondness for croissants, cheese and wine developed when he lived in France as a student and worker in

the 1920s. One mystery that the book does not clear up is the state of his health. Mr. Deng, who holds no government or Communist Party positions but who remains effectively the emperor of China, was last shown on television in January. His hand tremhled, he could barely

the former enemies in the force seemed to be working together effectively.

The attacks apparently have the tacit backing of the United Na-tions, which has begun paying the soldiers of the oew army as part of efforts to ensure stability in the period between elections that were held in May and the formation of a new government.

In a series of actions around the country in recent weeks, the Khmer Rouge had hlown up bridges, at-tacked trains, slaughtered ethnic Vietnamese settlers, captured a Buddhist temple complex and detained UN peacekeepers. Diplomats said the group's ap-

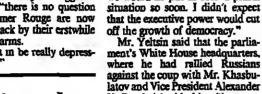
parent aim was to build up leverage in back demands for a role in the new government and demonstrate that without the Khmer Rouge, there could be no peace.

Now, however, the Khmer Rouge appears in be facing a situa-tion it has long dreaded: confront-ing a unified Cambodian army that

enjoys international support. "Something rather significant is going on," a Western diplomat The Khmer Rouge are being pushed out of areas they controlled was a firm Yeltsin ally. "What I didn't count on," he said, "was that for three or four years." While some of the new army's

claims of success may be exaggerated, he said, "there is no question that the Khmer Rouge are now subject to attack by their erstwhile comrades-in-arms.

"That's got in be really depress-ing for them."



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Russians, who have always reagainst the coup with Mr. Khasbugarded politics as dangerous or the latov and Vice President Alexander realm of careerists, have developed V. Rutskoi beside him, "is now a bastion of revanchism." And he said that "reforms will fail if we no great respect for politicians in the last two years. They continue to admire Mr. Yeltsin for his craftidon't find a way out of the constiness, native slyness and courage in

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we would he put in such a pitiful

utional crisis." Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the last Soviet president, who was the im-mediate beneficiary of Mr. Yelta crisis, but they are bored to tears with what they regard as the personal squabhling among their poli-ticians, including the exchange of sin's courage two years ago but was corruption charges. Pravda, despite its anti-Yeltsin forced to resign in December, contioued his grumpy complaints

ws, caught the mood in a Thursabout Mr. Yeltsin, "Russia is drifting without a rud-der," Mr. Gorbachev told Mr. day headline: "Tanks come and go, but people remain with their trou-Khashulatov's favorite oewspaper, Rossiskaya Gazeta. He said his Nezavisimaya Gazeta, a pro-deown failure "to restrain the radi-

mocracy paper, took a more ironi-cal stance. "Two years ago, the tanks entered Moscow," it said, But with a court case against those cals" around Mr. Yeltsin had led to "the country hleeding, being torn responsible apparently suspended permanently, itself held hostage to

"Let's not make things prettier than they are," he said. "We could still slide backward. A reactionary the executive-legislative battle, "we begin to treat this story of our reputsch is still possible that would llify all our efforts since August cent past ironically, as perhaps it 1991. But I am firmly convinced that this time, too, Russia and its

deserves," the paper continued. And below an August 1991 pho-to of Mr. Yeltsin at the White attack came after patrolling air-House waving the Russian flag, the craft observed a missile launching. citizens would oot allow that." Russians themselves approached paper printed a photo of a topless the anniversary with a mixture of girl in a quasi-military hat, also waving a flag, a spoof of Eugene irony and resignation. The abstract freedoms of democracy -- such as Delacroix's famous painting "Libfrom official reports of government free speech, honest history and a activities. The heach picture relatively free press - matter to

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#### YELTSIN: Putsch Not Ruled Out Yeltsin Says Keeping Kurils Relatively reliable polls indicate **Remains a Russian 'Option'** that the number of Russians who believe that their lives will be better under capitalism has dropped from 24 percent, in 1991, to 18 percent

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin tried on Thursday to play down remarks by his prime minister, who ruled out a return of disputed islands to Japan, but he acknowledged that keeping the territory remained an "option" for Russia.

Contraction and

Mr. Yeltsin said that his government had not decided how to resolve the dispute over four of the Kuril Islands, which are off Japan's northern coast. The islands were seized by Russia at the end of World War IL

The Japanese Foreign Ministry objected Thursday to reports that the Russian prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, had said that Moscow had no intention of returning the islands. A ministry spokesman called Mr. Chernomyrdin's remarks "very

regrettable," and said they contradicted Russia's policy of trying to resolve the issue to help normalize relations with Tokyo. But Mr. Chernomyrdin reiterated his position on Thursday. "We do not intend to give the Kuril Islands to anyone and the

government will oot discuss such problems concerning them with anyone," he told officials in Vladivostok.

Mr. Yeltsin declined to say whether Mr. Chernomyrdin's remarks signaled a policy shift.

Keeping the islands is "oue of many options that we are weighing," Mr. Yeltsin said, He added that Japan was preparing its own options reparding the dispute.

Mr. Yeltsin, who infuriated Japan by putting off planned trips to Tokyo in 1992 and earlier this year when it became clear that the two sides could not hridge their differences, said he would not postpone the visit again. It is planned for October. (Reuters, AFP)

## **IRAQ:** U.S. Hits Anti-Aircraft Site

Continued from Page 1 Kurdish rebels in the north and Shute Muslim dissidents in the south. It was the 20th incident in eight months in the northern and southern zones, although not all of those resulted in allied air attacks the Pentagoo said. The Iraqi SA-3 anti-aircraft missiles did oot hit the on Iraqi sites. . . . . . .

The Pentagon said two waves of attacks by two F-15s and two F-16s "This American claim is a fabrisonal were launched and appeared to de-

**RAIDS:** 8 Israelis Killed by Bombs

Continued from Page 1 charge. Hours later, and after the

Israeli air strikes in the Bekaa, an area near Syria, more guerrilla-placed bombs exploded, killing one Israeli soldier and seriously wounding another in the same area of the first attack, near the village of Shihin in the western part of buffer

strip. "It is another lesson for the Zionists," said Sheikh Naim Qassem, the deputy head of Hezbollah.

which has pledged to push the Is-raelis out of the border zone. "The enemy thought last month's aggression would make the resistance bow," Sheikh Qassem said. "The enemy did not know that the more pressure there is on

we become to resist. We will con-tinue fighting until our land is liberated.

Since the cease-fire went into effect July 31, Hezbollah has attacked the buffer zone several

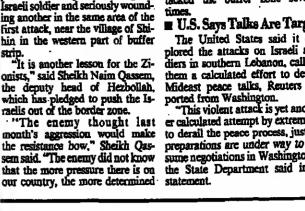
U.S. Says Talks Are Target The United States said it deplored the attacks on Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon, calling them a calculated effort to derail Mideast peace talks, Reuters re-

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"This violent attack is yet another calculated attempt by extremists to derail the peace process, just as preparations are under way to re-sume negotiations in Washington,"[ the State Department said in a

rounding Serbs to lift their siege, or

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## WAITING: Theater in Sarajevo

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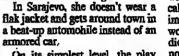
play I could do." "It" is Samuel Beckett's "Wait-ing for Godot," which opened Tuesday afternoon to a packed house at the Youth Theater, a pockmarked building within easy

range of Serbian guns. On a stage lighted by a dozen candles and one ignted by a dozen candles and one footlight powered by a gas-guzzling generator, which burped occasion-ally outside (making for a dramatic light show inside), nine Bosnian actors performed a play that, as Miss Soniag says, "was written for the cairs"

this city." Beckett wrote the play in France more than 40 years ago, but its musings on expectation, hope, futility, will and death ring true in Sarajevo, nearly a year and a half

after Serbian forces began their siege of this old city. Miss Sontag is one of a handful of prominent Americans who have come to Sarajevo since it has been

under Serbian siege. In 1968 and again in 1972, she was in Hanoi during U.S. bombing raids. In 1973, she risked heavy shelling to film Israeli attacks around the Golan Heights.



On its simplest level, the play Waiting for Godot" is about a pair of friends - Vladimir and

Estragon - expecting someone who never arrives. Miss Sontag's variation was to create as many parts as she could. There are three sets of Vladimirs and Estragons instead of just one. This succeeds on the stage as each pair - two women, two men, and a man and a woman --- explore different parts of the waiting game as they inhabit a world furnished with ammunition boxes, sandbags and a

hospital bed - part of the spiritual architecture of life in Sarajevo. pamed For Miss Sontag, for the actors

Producing a play in Sarajevo is not a simple endeavor. Some of the

shown up. And somehow, despite this, the people of Sarajevo never seem to lose faith entirely that he The people of Sarajevo spend their days and nights living, loving, sipping coffee, lugging water and wood, cooking and sleeping within the sight of men with access to seemingly unlimited supplies of ammunition and with a sceningly. endless interest in blowing them Since the war began, thousands of people have died in the capital, victims of artillery and smpers. "You never know when some thing is going to come crashing down and blow your head apart," said Sead Bejtovic, an actor. "That's my own personal Godot." Miss Sontag, 60, places herself in a tradition exemplified by George Orwell and Ernest Hemingway, who lived with and wrote about the international forces fighting the Fascists in Spain in the 1930s. "People told me they thought I was crazy to come here," she re-

called. "They said, You are very important and if you were killed it would be a bad thing.' But they didn't understand that I couldn't not come here. Once I understood what was happening, it was the obvious moral choice. It was the

only choice." Miss Sontag first arrived in Sarajevo in April with her son, David Rieff, a writer. She spent two weeks and decided she wanted to come

back to do some work. "I didn't want to be a tourist here, to watch while everybody suffered," she said. "That would be cheap. I wanted to give something, in contribute,"

She proposed directing a play and Haris Pasovic, head of the Youth Theater, agreed, so she re-

and for many in the audience, the play belongs here for reasons rangcast had to walk several miles a day ing from the geopolitical to the perto rehearsal; candles were in short supply and there was rarely enough Virtually prohibited by a United gasoline to run the generator, so the actors read their scripts by flashlights. The language barrier was not a great problem. "Look, I know these people." the hands of the international community - a giant, faceless Godot. Sometimes this Godot seemed Miss Sontag said of her cast. "I'v.y ready to spring to Sarajevo's de-fense - as it did in May and then been to their houses and shared 3 part of their life. I can tell when they make a mistake. We're that close. I listen to the emotion in a again in recent weeks when the line."

Central Committee approved his request to retire from his job as head of the Ceotral Military Commission. "What I really want," the author quoles her father as saying over a family lunch that day, "is in live the life of a genuine ordinary citizen after my retirement. Or even simpler than the way most people live. l just want to stroll the streets and go everywhere to see the sights."

**Beijing Shows Li** In Beach Picture

BEIJING - China's citizens got

a glimpse of their reclusive and

illing prime minister, Li Peng, on

Thursday when state newspapers ran a photograph of him at the

In April Mr. Li, 65, had a heart

problem whose nature was oot dis-

losed. He had almost vanished

beach

walk and he appeared to have difficulty speaking. Since then there have been reports that he has undergone surgery and may be dying.

The anthor, who is the wife of a senior army official, has worked since the beginning of 1989 as her father's personal assistant.

While most of the book concerns Mr. Deng's early life, the published tion have persisted. excerpts include an account of the

showed him in a bathing suit at the people, but many are still accusnorthern Beidaihe resort favored by China's senior leaders.

The photograph, taken on Aug. 5, was printed in almost every ma-Inflation, which took off in early 1992 when prices were finally liberjor national oewspaper on Thurs-day. Mr. Li has made two brief alized, continues to rise at 20 percent a month, cating away at confipublic appearances in greet visiting dence, making investment difficult dignitaries over the past four and ensuring that the American months. Rumors and speculation dollar, that once-despised symbol of grasping capitalism, continues as about his condition physical condia second currency.

tomed to judge their leaders hy the celebration on Thursday. Travel on price of vodka and sausage, the Moscow subway was free, a gift of a large banking corporation. And in the tunnel on Moscow's ring road where three young men died at the height of the coup, becoming martyrs, people had placed three crosses on the median strin between the cars, which now include many expensive Western models.

replied an Iraqi spokesman. A report broadcast by the staterun Iraqi oews agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Iraqi anti-aircraft guns had opened fire after the bombing and had later prevented the U.S. planes from attacking an-other defense battery.

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A Pentagon spokeswomao, asked why the two F-15 strike planes had been called in after the F-16s had already bombed the site, said, "The feeling was there was still a threat." She declined to elab-

Clinton administration beat the (Reuters, AP) war drums and warned the sur-

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## U.S. 'Enmity to Islam' Led to Sanctions, Sudan Asserts

KHARTOUM, Sudan -- The Sudanese head of state, General Omar Hassan Ahmad Bashir, on Thursday condemned the U.S. decision to add Sudan to a list of nations accused of sponsoring terrorism, saying his country had been singled out for its Islamic

The official Sudanese press agency, SUNA, quoted General Bashir as saying that the U.S. decision came as no surprise because Sudan had been "a victim of the unjust campaign being waged on it due to its Islamic

Enmity to Islam has become one of the main features of American policy," he added, pointing out that five of the seven countries on the U.S. list were Telamic.

failed to prove its allegations that Sudan supported terrorism and had not proved the existence of terrorism camps that it alleges exist in Sudan.

The U.S. decision to add Sudan to the list of nations it accuses of sponsoring terrorism makes Khartoum subject to largely symbolic U.S. economic sanctions. General Bashir said that Sudan did not need assis-

tance from the United States and that such aid had ended years ago. Sudan'a inclusion on the list makes it ineligible for umanitarian U.S. aid and for commercial sales of

U.S. arms or technology that could equip terrorists. Washington is concerned that Sudan, in league with Iran, harbors Islamic fundamentalists whose aim is to destabilize governments in North Africa and the Mid-

from Washington:

The American decision to add the Sudan to the terrorist list was based on evidence that Sudan harbors terrorists, and not because of any Sudanese links to a reported plot to bomh targets in New York City, American officials sey.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McCurry, said evidence indicated that Sudan had allowed its territory to be used as a sanctuary for the Abu Nidal organization, Hezbollah, the Palestine Islamic Jihad and other such organizations.

General Bashir said the U.S. administration had iled to prove its allegations that Sudan supported arrorism and had not proved the existence of terror-am camps that it alleges exist in Sudan. The U.S. decision to add Sudan to the list of nations The U.S. decision to add Sudan to the list of nations militant extremists that commit acts of terrorism in neighboring countries are credible."

But he said there was insufficient evidence to link Sudan to any plot to bomb the United Nations, the Hudson River tunnels and other sites in New York.

based on information from the prosecutors, evidence

An administration official said an investigation had not confirmed any connection. One official said that

linking Sudan to the conspiracy was "weak at this time," though some State Department officials have said in the past that they believe there is such evidence.

keeping force in Somalia numbers about 20,000. Deployments sched-

uled for this month and September

should expand the force to its au-thorized level of 28,000. There is

also a separate 1,167-member U.S.

quick reaction force, independent

Disarmament of the clan-based

Somali factions "is indispensable for the establishment of peace and security in Somalia," Mr. Butros

During March and April, he re-ported Wednesday, UN units in Somalia confiscated more than

1,000 handguns, rifles and machine guns, about 400 artillery pieces and

nearly 79,000 shells, rockets and

"The fact remains," he said, "that the country will not enjoy complete stability unless and until the criminal elements have been

apprehended and brought to jus-

tice as demanded by the Security

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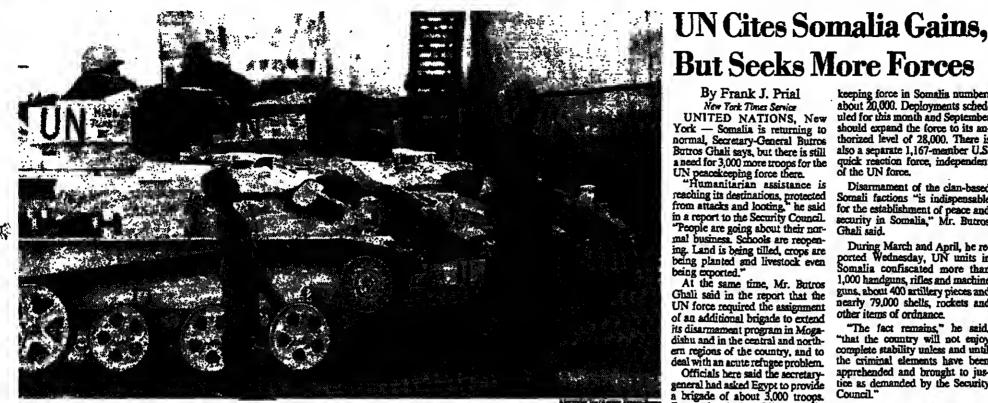
A U.S. military vehicle hit a land mine Thursday in the Somali capi-

other items of ordnance.

of the UN force,

Ghali said.

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A Somali and a UN peacekeeper at dockside Thursday in Mogadishu as German forces disembarked to join others in Belet Uen.

## Greece Drops Its Ship-and-Plane 'Escort' of Constantine

LONDON — Former King tary coup in 1967, was disobeying Constantine said Thursday that the orders to stay away from populated Greek government had agreed to ports. withdraw two navy ships and an air force plane that had been shadow- numerous interviews conducted by ing a yacht he had rented for a mobile telephone that the military family holiday.

Constantine said in a BBC radio his five children. radio interview that he had agreed to stay away from two towns in the Peloponnisos Peninsula, and that in return the ships and aircraft they withdraw these vessels so I would leave him alone.

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The Greek government con-firmed earlier that it had ordered In return, he said, he would have the escorts because the former king, to stay away from two towns where

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who fled the country after a mili-tary coup in 1967, was disobeying were waiting for him.

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"Inevitably, I am going to have to accept the request," he said. Constantine has complained in Constantine, 53, returned from his exile home in London to Greece was harassing him and frightening

on a private visit earlier this month. His trip prompted speculation "We have now made an agreethat he might try to play a role in Greek politics despite a 1974 referment with the government," he told the BBC. "I have requested that endum that abolished the monarchy. Opposition parties have asked don't feel my children and f are the government to expel him, and Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis warned him to keep his visit

"strictly private."

Despite the government warnings, Constantine went ashore on Tuesday on the popular holiday

island of Spetses off Athens, where his children spent most of the night at a disco. He was welcomed by only a handful of people while most of the locals seemed to ignore

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him, witnesses said,

Navy ships stopped him on Wednesday from disembarking on the southern part of the Peloponnisos Peninsula, the only part of the country where he is still considered popular.

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passport holder, as all my family "I kept away from my country

seemed wise.

But, he said, "the time has come now for me to enjoy my country as a private cilizen with my family." The Greek press has been against Constantine's visit, saying it under-

Egypt already has 560 troops in Somalia. Currently, the UN peace-

lined his wish to return permanentty to Greece and reclaim his throne. But the government spokesman, Vassilis Maginas, has repeatedly said that Constantine poses no threat to Greece's system of gov-

ernment "I am a Greek citizen, a Greek The monarchy issue was permacently closed with the 1974 referendum." be said.

WHITE SANDS, New Mexico - A single-stage, light-weight rocket whose backers hope will be cheaper and more reliable than present space-launch vehicles com-

officials reported. The experimental rocket rose Wednesday from a pad at White Sands Missile Range, climbed to an altitude of 150 feet (45 meters), then stopped, hovered and moved

touched down on its landing gear, according to Tom Williams, direcorbit and land upright by firing its tor of communications for McDonnell Douglas, the maker.

engines as brakes. The Pentagon's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization has provided \$60 million for the project and has carmarked an extra \$5 million for continued flight tests.

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Egyptians Shaken **By Terror Attack But Vow 'Iron Fist'** 

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#### By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO — The Egyptian police said Thursday that two of the assailants who had tried to kill the interior minister on Wednesday had died, victims of the bombs they threw.

The assailants, the police added, belonged to a revived Islamic group that was smashed after the murder of President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

The attack on Interior Minister Hassan Alfi shook the leadership and raised doubts about the effectiveness of the campaign to root out terrorism. In that effort, at least 5,000 suspected members of funda-mentalist movements have been arrested and 15 have been executed as terrorists.

But the government said it would not be swayed from its policy, widely known here as "iron fist," in dealing with radical Islamic fundamentalists

The police said the two assailants, who threw three bombs from a notorcycle as the minister's motorcade passed in front of the American University, belonged to the New Jihad, or New Holy War. One, Tarik Abdelnabi, died instantly from the explosion while another, Nazih Nushi Rashid, 34, died Thursday moraing at a Cairo

ospital. At least five other members of the group fled after the

Mr. Alfi was said to be recuperating in a police hospital from a multiple fracture of the right ann but otherwise was in satisfactory condition.

Usama Baz, the chief political adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, said that the government would not alter its policy toward the Islamic extremists nor any aspect of its foreign policy, including peace with Israel

Prime Minister Atef Sedki, who interrupted a vacation to return to Cairo, said: "If these terrorists imagine they can change our course by their behavior, they are mistaken. Their actions will lead them nowhere."

Nevertheless, the attack, which left 2 people dead and 16 wound ed, suggests that high officials are still vulnerable.

"It is not strange that they should reach this level of expertise as some of them have trained in Afghanistan," said Hassan Abu Basha, a former Egyptian minister of the interior, who was wounded in a 1987 fundamentalist attack.

Egyptian authorities and U.S. security officials have believed for some time that hundreds of Muslim militants now battling Arah governments in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and Yemen have spent time in Afghanistan.

The attack has shocked the country, especially as television and newspapers showed the grisly effects of the bombs.

In the past, the fundamentalist movements stressed they were only attacking "atheist" government officials and Egyptian Christian

Opposition papers and the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood organization, which has been sympathetic to militants in the past, condemned the Thursday attack.

The Associated Press

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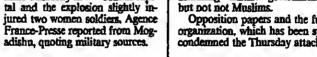
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The hullet-shaped rocket, which is 42 feet long, is a one-third scale prototype of McDonnell Douglas's proposed Delta Clipper, a rocke

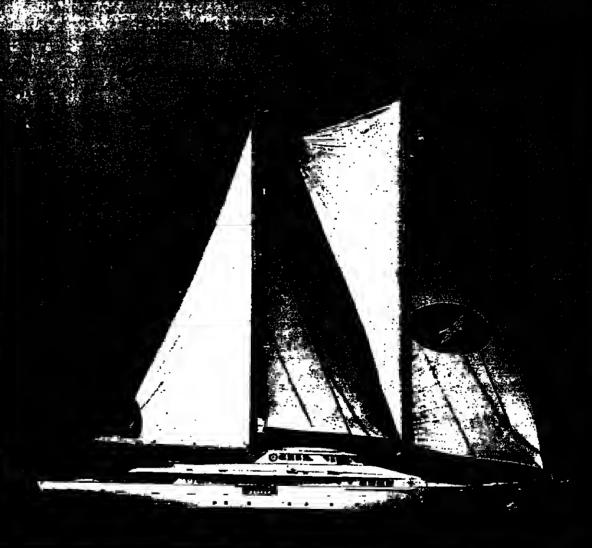
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## SDI, a Hoax-Based Defense

The revelation was enough to rouse even the most cynical student of official mendacity: At great cost, The New York Times's Tim Weiner reports (*IHT*, Aug. 19), the Reagan administra-tion back in 1984 designed an elaborate decep-tion to mislead the Soviet Union about the "star wars" space-based missile defense. The scheme deceived not only the Kremlin but Congress, defranding the American people of billions of dollars that could have been spent on real defense and domestic programs.

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By willfully misleading Congress about the system's capabilities, Pentagon officials did more than damage their own credibility; they may have committed a crime. Congress must call those responsible to account.

Acting on the authority of Defense Secre-Acting on the authority of Defense Secre-tary Caspar Weinberger, Mr. Weiner report-ed, the Pentagon rigged a test and falsified data to make the \$30 billion program appear more successful than it was. The rigged test was a thing of devilish deviousness. After three failed attempts to hit a target missile with the termination of the termination of the termination with the termination of the termination of the termination with the termination of the termination of the termination with the termination of termination of the termination of with an interceptor, both the target and interceptor were fitted with electronic devices that made a direct hit all but inevitable. This charade had two main objectives. One

was to bamboozle the Soviet Union into spending billions of rubles it could ill afford on its own space-based shield. Mr. Weinberger told The Times that artful fraud is essential to warfare, even cold warfare. "You are always," he said, "trying to mislead your opponents." But in a letter to The Times, he denied that

"star wars" had been used for that purpose. He also denies that Congress was the other intended victim of this deception. But as one project scientist told The Times: "We would lose hundreds of millions of dollars in Congress if we didn't perform it successfully. It would be a catastrophe."

The rigging was done by transmitting a signal from the target missile to a receiver on

Preventing the spread of the most destruc-

ove weapons is one of the hardest exercises in

international politics. Long-range missiles are now under tight rules, and the United States

has had several important successes recently in enforcing them. But a debate is under way over those rules and whether they can be

It is part of a broad review the Clinton

administration has undertaken of nonprolif-

eration policy in the post-Soviet world. One side of the argument is that the present con-

trol regime is working well and should not be altered. The other side holds that many coun-

tries have legitimate demands for space tech-

nology, and as an incenove to comply with the

restrictions on missile know-how and hard-

ware, they ought to be given access to the

means for peaceful space launches. There is some precedent for that in the international

system that gives countries access to peaceful nuclear technology, to generate power, in re-turn for abstention from nuclear weapons.

Just before Congress recessed earlier this month, Senators Jeff Bingaman of New Mexi-

co, Jnhn McCain of Arizona and John Glenn

sustained without change.

the interceptor, in effect helping the intercep-tor to home in on the missile by broadcasting; Here 1 am. Come get me.

Congress was not told the test had been rigged. It was also fed other phony data attest-ing to the system's magical protective powers. These actions clearly crossed the line of normal Pentagon misrepresentation. They denied Congress the information it needed to exercise its constitutional authority over speading. Congress would be foolish to allow that to

happen again. To that end, it needs to summon Mr. Weinberger and anyone else it can lay its bands on to get to the bottom of the decet. Defense Secretary Les Aspin's announcement

of an inquiry is a promising beginning. But more than Congress's pride and author-ity is at stake. The whole history of the Strategic Defense Initiative is now thrown into question. Millions of Americans are still walking around with the impression that SDI was designed to protect them. But to some of its original proponents, like President Ronald Reagan's national security adviser, Robert McFariane, SDI was always an elaborate ruse to induce the Soviets to divert money and

manpower into space-based defenses. Trouble was, the United States wasted billions, too. And it's oot clear which side wasted more. Further, it deepened Soviet paranoia at a perilous moment in East-West relations.

But SDI critics were not fooled. Nnr were the wisest of Soviet scientists. If the Americans wanted to waste billions on a will-o'-thewisp, Andrei Sakharov told President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, Moscow should not follow suit; indeed, Mr. Sakharov said, Moscow could comfortably proceed with an arms re-duction treaty making deep cuts in missiles. Whether or not disinformation to deceive the Soviets was fair play in the game of

nations, defrauding Congress was not. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## The Clinton Presidency: A Squeak-By Affair

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The prob-lem that has dogged the Clin-ton administration from its opening days and that threatens the president's ambitious actumn agenda is

staggeringly simple. It is not sloppy White House staff work or onsettling ideological swerves to the left and right. Those may have compounded the difficul-ties President Bill Clinton faces. But the fundamental factor hobbling him is the weakness of the election

victory be won in November. I have written before that Mr. Clinton's stumbling performance in his first seven months in office results from his trying to balance a broad and intimidating domestic policy agenda on a narrow and shaky political base. Now we have the strongest proof so far available of the validity of that hypothesis. Congressional Quarterly has de-livered its clients a district-by-dis-trict breakdown of last wars nontrict breakdown of last year's presidential vote. By laying that against

Clinton's economic plan, you can easily see how closely the president's wobbliness in office ties to the weakness of his electoral mandate in the contest with President George Bush and Ross Perot. Here are the relevant oumbers for the 258 districts that elected Demo-

the 218-to-216 House roll-call vote

earlier this month approving Mr.

cratic congressmen: In only 94 of those 258 districts did Mr. Clinton win with more than 50 percent of the vote. Ninety-two of those 94 House Democrats voted with him on the most important rollcall vote of his presidency. In 112

The remaining 52 Democrats in the House came from districts carried by Mr. Bush. Only 31 of those 52 backed Mr. Cinton's plan. Thus, the president gained 98 per-cent support in the districts in which

he had won a majority, 85 percent where he had won a plurality, and only 60 percent where he had failed to carry the district. With Republicans unanimously opposed, that left

him with a two-vote squeaker. This pattern should not come as a surprise. At bottom, politics is num-bers. Members of the House know exactly how weak or strong a presi-dent is with their constituents, and behave accordingly. Twelve years ago, Ronald Reagan pushed his budget and economic plan through

districts. Mr. Clinton finished ahead

of Mr. Bush and Mr. Perot, but re-

ceived less than half the vote. Nine-

ty-five of the 112 Democrats from

those districts backed his plan.

a Democratic-controlled House be cause in the 1980 three-way race, he had carried many of the districts that had elected Democratic representatives. Mr. Clinton almost lost his key vote because he had run so poorly in many of those districts. The implications of this pattern

are important. Is Mr. Clinton a "different kind

of Democrat"? Whatever his rheto-ric may suggest, his political fate now depends on traditional, core Democratie constituencies. As Rhodes Cook pointed out in Congressional Quarterly, the places where the president ran best were the African-American and Hispanic urban districts, and a scattering of liberal, white enclaves in college towns, Jewish neighborhoods and

environmentally and socially con-scious parts of the West Coast. The black and Hispanic caucuses in the House voted unanimously for his program, as did the Democratic delegations of the traditionally Dem-ocratic states of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan, Where are Mr. Chinton's vulnera-bilities? Despite having two South-emens on the ticket, Mr. Clinton and Al Gore lost eight Southern states to Al Gore lost eight Somhern states to Mr. Bush. Except for North Caroli-na, Southern delegations were wob-bly on the budget vole. Four of the six dissident Democratic senators came from that region. And, strik-ingly, the only two House Democrats who backed Mr. Clinton despite their districts having given him an absolute majority came from Mr. absolute majority came from Mr. Clinton's and Mr. Gore's home states of Arkansas and Tennessee.

What does this imply about the antumn agenda? Realth-care re-form, depending on how it is struc-tured, could reinforce the presi-dent's political base. But the other den's poincal base, but the other items on his priority list — approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the crime bill, "rein-venting government," welfare re-form — probably have more appeal to suburban independent and even Republican constituencies than to the core Democratic areas on which

his support rests. So Mr. Clinton faces a delicate and risky political maneuver as he moves into the next phase of his presidency. Governing will never be easy for him until he gets a stronger late from the voters. The Washington Post.

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## To Peace, By Way of Jerusalem

**By Milton Viorst** WASHINGTON - By all the 's W rales of bargaming Jerusalem was supposed to be at the bottom of the agenda of the Arab-Istachi peace talks. In fact, under the 1991 Madrid ement, Jerusalem - the most difficult and emotional issue - was not even supposed to be on the agenda.

Discussions about its future were to have been deferred for three years. while Palestinian autonomy was given a chance to work in the occupied territories. But the Palestinians have decided to go for broke in the talks.

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which resume Aug. 29. They argue that they were coerced into accepting the Madrid rules by the Israelis' refusal to deal under any the Israelis' refusal to deal under any other terms. They contend that Israel has shown few, if any, signs of a conciliatory spirit — in the talks and in its occupation of the territories — since the initial meeting at Madrid. So why, they ask, should they be-lieve that Israel will be more willing to more spinors on Isrueler to grant concessions on Jerusalem

three years hence? The Israciis reply that a deal is a deal, and so far the United States, sponsor of the talks, has backed them. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

### A resolution here could

lead to a bigger

breakthrough.

has also said Israel will never give up any part of Jerusalem —a pledge that has given the Palestinians more in-centive to face the issue now.

The Israelis say they oeed Jerusa-lem because it is the beart of Zionism. Jerusalem is a vision that nour-ished Jewish identity for 2,000 years. Virtually every Jew, even if nonreli-gious, has uttered the vow, "Next year in Jerusalem." But the Palestinians speak the

truth in claiming Jerusalem as vital to their identity, too. Not only is it Is-lam's third boliest city but it has also been the heart of regional Arab cul-

ture through the centuries. Must this dispute be a winner-take-all game in the negotiations? Jerusalem's geography, and good-will, could resolve the problem. East Jerusalem is totally Arab, West Jeru-salem totally Jewish. Even the Old City is delineated, with the Dome of the Rock and the Arab quarter to the cast, the Western Wall and the Jewish quarter (along with the Christian and

Armenian quarters) to the west. A separating line would be easy to draw. Sorely, the Zionist dream does not require Israeli rule over the Islamic boly sites, much less the kebab shops and, yes, the shuros of East Jerosalem. Israel has already made, a concession on this point, in agreeing that under autonomy East Jerusalemites can vote

ing of its diversion to illicit purposes. Last month, under the present system, the

rocket engines to India. The month before, South Africa abandoned its space program, which had been censured for violating the

and Pakistan that want to know more about for expertise for its space effort. It is reasonable to ask whether any control regime will hold up for long if it tries to deny useful technology to a democracy like Australia with an impeccable record on arms. That is a serious consideration, even apart from the po-litical reality that the American acrospace industry, badly hart by defense budget cuts, is wildly auxious to export. No decisions have months - along with all the other issues of

**Keep Tough Missile Rules** space technology and to provide timely warn-

United States persuaded Russia not to sell missile guidelines. Last year, Argentina and Taiwan dropped launch programs. There has been real progress.

But it is oot only countries like India, Iran launches. Australia was recently in the market been made so far, but this is one of the key arms questions to be fought out during the coming

By Robert J. Samuelson

our most powerful institution. Even in 1958, 43 percent of Americans feit that the federal govern-ment "wasted a lot" of money.

Bigger government was more popular in the 1960s and early 1970s, when it seemed that it could easily be paid for through rapid economic growth. Slower economic growth created a contraon: Most Americans did not want higher taxes or give up any government benefits. Ingner taxes or give up any government oceants. Dislike of government soared, and it was not just Vietnam, Watergate or Ronald Reagan. One con-tinning survey asks respondents whether they "trust" government "to do what is right ... most of the time." In 1964, 62 percent did. By 1976 only 30 percent did. In 1980 this was 23 percent. Clearly, this was not Mr. Reagan's doing. Nor was he alone in growing higher taxes of the and vas he alone in opposing higher taxes; state and local officials have done so. Mostly, Mr. Reagan changed the rhetoric of politics. He cultivated, exploited and gave respectability to an ano-government mood. But if be had not, nthers most surely would have.

He Can't Reverse a Revolution That Wasn't One change has been reversed. In 1991 defense spend-ing, as a share of GDP, was lower than in Mr. Carter's last year. Mr. Reagan did not end any

Carter's last year. Mr. Reagan did not end any major function of government. Only two small programs were eliminated. By no standard, ex-cept perhaps oratory, was there a "revolution." My complaint is not only with The New York Times or Time. It is with a brand of political journalism that is widely practiced on television and in print publications, including those for which I write (The Washington Post and News-week). Of course, we must report the contests and report of politics. But all too often, our week). Or course, we must report the contests and rhetoric of politics. But all too often, our proccupation with these highly visible aspects of politics obscures underlying realities. We overdramatize and, in the process, distort. Mr. Reagan was simply not the radical of the conventional media portrait. He preferred smaller ernment and even proposed it in his budgets. But he did not campaign actively for it, because to do so involved enormous political risks -alienating all those who were comfortably dependent on government handouts. Mr. Clinton's views are different, but his behavior is not. He prefers a bigger government. But be has not actively campaigned for it, because to do so would involve big risks - proposing much steeper taxes to pay for bigger government and, in the process, alienating all those who think their taxes are already too high. What you can resent about both Mr. Reagan What you can resent about both Mr. Keagan and Mr. Clinton, perhaps, is their hypochisy. With their rhetoric, they have sought to hold the ideological wing of their parties; with their be-havior, they have sought to hold the middle of the electorate. The huge gap between rhetoric and performance may explain some of the popu-lar disillusion with politics. Their performance, though, reflects the continuity of government. It channes showly, and only rarely does anything changes slowly, and only rarely does anything happen that amounts to a "revolution." But you would not know this from much of America's overwrought political press.

of Ohio pointed out, correctly, that the technnlogy in launch a space satellite was exactly the same as the technology to launch a mili-tary missile. The parallel with ouclear controls is not exact. There are safeguards for nuclear materials. But there is oo way to safeguard

export controls. The case of Iraq and the Gulf War indicates the horrifying costs of getting the answer wrong. In the light of that experience, it is necessary to say that the burden of proof lies with those who want to move away from the present tightly restrictive rules.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

## **The Sudanese Still Suffer**

Against the sort of terrorists Sudan has permitted to train and take haven on its soil, the U.S. decision to put Sudan on its list of outlaw states that support international terrorism will hardly by itself turn the tide. The Islamic fundamentalists who run Sudan, with their radical ideology and their link to revolutionary Iran, are contemptuous of the rules of international conduct. At least for now, they are relatively immune in outside pressures. Sudan's broad isolation was already a political fact. There were few economic ties between the United States and Sudan to be cut off. The leadership is demonstrably indifferent to the death of perhaps a million Sudancese in the decade-long civil war and famine. Hence Khartoum's readiness, in exchange for arms and political companionship, to bost Tehran's terrorist clients.

The groups it hosts apparently include Al-gerians, Egyptians, Palestinians, Tunisians and others. Some of these constitute a menace to secular and Western-leaning Arab governments. Some may have connections to terrorists who have been operating in the United States. Sudan may be more an agent of Iran

than a generator of its nwn terrorism. But Washington gave Sudan plenty of time to back off from Iran, and it would oot. It makes a difference for the United States and others to stigmatize Sudan's support of international violence. It should encourage others to take their own further distance from a regime that has for years stood for violence in treating its own people. In any comprehensive strategy to combat radical Islamie terrorism, even bureaucratic defenses have their part. The Unit-ed States has a tricky double-track Sudan policy: to combat the regime's terrorism even as it tries to belp the people with a \$70 million bumanitarian aid program, which is not being suspended. But the regime tends to see relief as a means to keep it from victory over the southern rebels for whom the relief is intended. The United States and other nations had already determined not to make the kind of large humanitarian intervention in Sudan that they made in Somalia, Sudan was deemed too

hard. It still is hard. But relief ought to continue, and the responsibility for blocking it ought to be kept on the regime. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

### **Other Comment**

#### The Politics of Evacuation

Is the evacuation of Bosnian war wounded a sensible response to human suffering, or a cynical stunt staged by Western governments to soothe their guilt over a magedy they failed to prevent? The answer is neither. That Western guvernments were moved to act by public response to a media story --- of 5-year-old Irma

Hadzimuratovic --- does not mean the action is wrong. Would not the money be better used re-equipping Bosnian hospitals? In the short teom the expense of evacuation is justified, given the wretched state of Sarajevo hospitals. At the moment there is no alternative for the most badly wounded patients. But if the war goes on much longer, we will have to find a better way. - The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

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I take as my text for this grumpy thesis two recent articles in powerful publications. Both try to explain President Bill Clinton's troubles and successes in terms of the alleged Reagan Revolution. Both exemplify the sins of political journal-ism, which is often a triumph of slogans over facts. Politics is viewed, as James Reston often wrote, as sport. The object of reporting is to explain who wins, who loses, why and what it means.

WASHINGTON - The Reagan Revolution

W is not and never was. Yet it remains a standard reference point in Washington political

analysis and reporting. Its invention and survival Illustrate just how mediocre much political jour-nalism is. The first job of journalism is to "get it right" — to be socurate. All too often, poblical

reporting doesn't. It amounts to mythmaking.

The trouble is that politics is not just a game a series of electoral and legislative contests - but also an expression of national habits and values. Much political commentary ignores this con-text. Consider a "news analysis" in The New York Times on Ang. 1. Titled "Reagan's Curse on Chinton," it attributed Mr. Clinton's difficulty in passing his budget to "the presidency of Ronald

passing his budget to "the presidency of Ronald Reagan and the political climate he created." Wrote R. W. Apple Jr., The Times's Washing-ton bureau chief: "Mr. Reagan successfully ar-gued that government itself was the problem. Most federal programs were bad; taxes were bad; spending was bad ... Politicians are terri-fied to wear that awful label, 'tax and spend,' however much their constituents need govern-ment money for health care or roads." Here's the first rule of mythmaking: Personal-

ize everything. Every trend or change must be credited to or blamed on somebody. What is missed are deeper currents in American thinking and society. Ron-ski Reagan did not create the mood that Mr. Apple describes. We Americans have always been suspicious of concentrated power, and national government is, for better or worse, now

This leads to a second rule of mythmaking: Portray thetorie as reality. Look at the cover of last week's Time maga-

zine. It had an upside down picture of Mr. Rea-gan with the headline "Overturning the Reagan Era." Passage of the new budget, said Time, was a modest start of a new "revolution," meaning that the Reagan Revolution was dead. This is journalistic make-believe. The idea of a Reagan Revolution presumes that he somehow dramatically changed government. He did not.

Cally changed government. He did not. For starters, he did not lower the tax burden. In the Reagan presidency, federal taxes averaged 18.9 percent of the ecohomy's output, or gross domestic product. In the Carter presidency, taxes averaged 18.9 percent of GDP. (Mr. Reagan's tax "cut" merely stopped taxes from rising.) Mr. Reagan did increase defense spending, but that

The Washington Post.

## In Algeria and Elsewhere, a War on Liberal Thought

BINI CALAF, Spain - There re-mains, justifiably, worldwide outrage and continued support for Salman Rushdie because fanatic Islamists condemned him to death for his writing. A terrible, shaming si-lence has been the response to the recent wave of assassinations of writers and journalists, mostly in Algeria but also in Egypt and Turkey.

They have been killed by fundamentalists to terrorize opponents of extremism among Muslim intellectu-als into silence. They have not just been threatened, they have been murdered, in front of their homes, in front of their families, by gunmen who manage to escape. Except in France, where a commit-

tee of solidarity has been established but without great fanfare, little attention has been paid. These are not banal crimes. They are the first steps in a mind-control campaign siming at totalitarian political control.

While it is true that no Muslim country has yet achieved what can be considered established democracy, a struggle led by intellectuals is going on in several of them. If such people are silenced, there can be little hope for rational, peaceful relations between these countries and the Western world. Much more than a conflict between religious belief and secularism, otherwise not mutually exclusive, is at stake. The choice of writers and journal-

ists as victims is no accident. They are purveyors of information, people who put questions, who express challenging opinions and openness to the rest of the world.

By Flora Lewis

are prime obstacles to fanaticism. Since spring, there has been a pat-tern of killings in Algeria which sug-gests that Muslim terrorists, losing ground in their battle with the army and the police, have chosen this new tactic to make themselves heard and On May 26, in Algiers, Tahar Djaout, editor of the weekly Rup-

tures, was shot dead with two bullets to the bead. On May 17, Omar Belhouchet, editor of the respected independent daily El Watan, barely escaped an assassination attempt. On July 31, Merzak Baghtacho, a journalist who is also a member of the National Consultative Council, a kind of provisional parliament, was wounded in a similar attack.

On Aug. 2, Rabah Zenati, a journalist working for the ENTV television network, was shot dead in front of his parents' house in a crowded district of the capital which forms part of an area called "Peshawar," because it is the base for so many people who went to the Pakistani border town to fight in Afghanistan. On Aug. 9, three men with automatic weapons who pretended to be police

looking for a robber broke into the home of Abdelhamid Benmenni, an editor at the weekly Algérie Actualité, and killed him in front of his family. Many of the 1,000 to 1,500 journal-

ists in Algeria have received threats, but the police said they simply cannot protect all who are menaced and simply urge prudence.

Attacks in other countries have They argue for reason, and so they been similar. It is time to recognize

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Ganushi, who would deny liberal guarantees to others, is glad to make that these are not local events but part of a war on liberal thought. ase of their benefits for himself. Governments have peculiar ways. It is up to writers, journalists, intel-lectuals, all who value freedom to Mr. Rushdie has become a symbol for freedom of speech and imagination everywhere. He has been pro-tected, supported and extolled, which he deserves. He did not choose his remind them energetically that there can be no tolerance for murder of thought, anywhere. unpleasant status, but it has put him in a position where he owes concern C Flora Lewis. for others victimized in the same way. He should lead a loud, noisy de-

PARIS -- As stated in the Herald yesterday [Aug. 19], the question whether a person has a right to retain his seat in a railway carriage by de-positing there some article belonging to him was raised at the Gare St. Lazare by a retired captain, who in-sisted on taking possession of a corner which had already been taken by a gentleman, who had deposited his portfolio there. The retired captain persisted in his action with such violence that the other gentleman and his friend gave in and took another

### 1918: Post, Posthaste

PARIS - Letters from the Eastern States to the front-line trenches in seventeen days! This is not a dream, but a promise from Representative Isac Siegal; who has been in France investigating the delays in the deliv-ery of mail matter to American sol-

in West Bank elections.

What Israel oceds far more than Arab Jerusalem is recognition of its authority over the city's Jewisb sub-urbs. Built since 1967 on land that was the West Bank, they are the home of several hundred thousand Israelis. A deal in which Palestinians conceded these lands in return for East Jerusalem would make sense.

International law still considers Jerusalem an international city, under the terms of the UN partition of 1947. Israel annexed West Jerusalem after its war of independence, and East Jerusalem in 1967, but orither Washington nor the world community ever recognized the actions. No Arab claims to want Jerusalem

separated again by a wall, as it was before the 1967 war. A proposed ad-ministration — a unified government of Arab and Jewish boroughs -would in theory be no more complicated than, say, running New York. It would also satisfy Israel's condition, which Washington supports, of a city undivided.

An agreement on Jerusalem, so important to Palestinians, would r surely make concessions easier Inr their negotiators. A peace that left East Jerusalem, with the Dome of the Rock, in Israeli hands would be a permanent invitation to Arab agi-tators to make trouble.

Wouldn't Israel be better off without having to rule 100,000 unhappy East Jerusalemites?

The Palestinians are taking a risk in challenging the Madrid agenda. But a resolution of the question could be the breakthrough to something bigger. Isn't this the moment for an agreement to change the rules and to reach for a comprehensive peace?

The writer is author of the forthcom ing "Sandcastles: The Arabs in Search of the Modern World." He contributed this comment to The New York Times

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

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1893: Railway Etiquette

that it harbors Mr. Rushdie. Mr.

thers in France. He said. "The principal feature of the new system will be a postal regiment, consisting entirely. except for the commanding officer. of men who have had postal experience in the United States. Instead of being received at two ports, soldiers' and sailors' mail will enter the country at four different points."

### 1943: Fortresses Attack

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LONDON - [From our New York edition:) American Flying Fortresses flew through heavy weather and bitter fighter opposition to attack German airdromes at Flushing and Gibz-Rijen, in Holland, yesterday [Ang. 19], following a day-long as-sault by lighter Allied warplanes against the French invasion coast. The Fortresses were briefed for a knockout blow against the Nazi air-dromes, but preliminary reports indi-cated that thick storm clouds prevented complete success of the mission, forcing at least one forma-tion to return with bomb bays full.

War and field to Britain. By granting him asylum, London apparently thinks it can ease its own relations with Islamic states resentful

about Mr. Rushdie, seems to have been intimidated by its own bravura. London has just granted political asylum to the Tunisian fundamentalist Rashid Ganushi, who heads the Ennadha (Renaissance) movement. Mr. Ganushi is wanted in Tunisia for terrorism and an attempt to overthrow the government. He travels on a carriage. It is a pity, for the retired diplomatic passport from Sudan, a captain was completely in the wrong. state that has joined with Iran in hacking terrorists. He was operating from Algiers, which caused serious friction

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between the Algerian and Tunisian governments until he was quietly invited to leave the country after the Gulf

at the best of times, and it is about whether terrorism will succeed. Britain, which has been stalwart

ounciation of this insidious cam-paign, and the Western writers and intellectuals who have sustained his cause owe it to their conscience to join in. It is not about one man, one writer. It is about the chances of democracy in a part of the world where its proponents have a hard task

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**OPINION** 

## The Court's Greatest Hits: **History for All to Hear**

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By William Safire

WASHINGTON — if the Supreme aring with the approval of, or at the Court gets angry at you, can it instigation of Chief Justice William take you to court? Rehardist — issued a startment noting. Yes. In 1906, the court ordered a stay find Mr. Irous had signed an agreement of execution of a black man found guilty to use the tapes "for private research and of raping a white woman in Tennessee tacting purposes only" and had pledged pending its review of an appeat. When a most to reproduce for any purposes any mob then lynched the defendant, the portion of such andiotape." Then use the chilling warning from citation against the local sheriff for not protecting the accused. Justice Oliver works officer. The light of these clear violations of Professor Irons's contracting the accused. Subjet made clear the court had the power to darect in a commitments, the court is consider discipline on its own motion.

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clear the court had the power to directInst consideration is consideration in the court has own motion.That precedent gives weight to the mutters and grumbles emanating from the court these days on a considerablyInst wayse threat conjured the ghost of Sheriff Shipp in a case that did not spring massisted to my mind.Here is a youthfulThis court is couchy about its own motion.Here is a youthfulThis court is couchy about its own privacy carlier this year it lost a contretemps with the ifbrarian of Congress on the release of the Thurgood Marshall urgingschool integration against a school board that saidThese pointed out, "Irons is treading on another of the court's deeply held tenets its distayte for commercialism"it disrupted public order;Public officials with their heads in the 19th century think they can keep public it disrupted public order; here is the lawyer Sarah Weddington representing 'Jane Roe,' pressing her case for abortion rights.

lesser offense: the unauthorized sale of andio tapes of the court's greatest hits. "May It Please the Court," a title based on the traditional opening of oral argu-ment, arrived at my office the other day, subtitled "23 landmark cases as argued before the Supreme Court, including the actual voices of the attorneys and justices in oral argument and questioning." Long subtitle, but a fascinating you-arc-there experience, packaged with a book of fran-scupts and commentary by Peter Irons

scripts and commentary by Peter Irons and Stephanic Graition. Here is the voice of the lawyer Abe Fortas, representing Clarence Gideon in -a case that established the right of the indigent accused to legal counsel (and led Anthony Lewis to write "Gideon's Trum-Antiony lews to write "Gideon's symm-pet"); here is a youthful Thingood Mar-shall urging school integrition against a school board and governor who argued that it disrupted public order; here is the lawyer Sarah. Weddington representing "Jane Roe," first stumbing on the coasti-tioned here for integration

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19th century think they can keep public records from commercial exploitation records from commercial exploitation by limiting their use to "scholarly re-search." That is like being a little bit pregnant; as the Dead Sea Scroll mo-nopolists learned, unless a public docu-ment or tape or photo is a national secret or an invasion of privacy, it should be and will be available for dissemination in muture the invited critican dirider vilies - a open court argument are the public's property, not the personal trests of the justices. If I want to photograph the Declaration of Independence and sell it on a T-shirt, that's my business, 

**Beyond the Great Wall** word? Of course he did, in the knowledge that the agreement was as unen-forceable as a restrictive covenant. Good for him, if anyone now wants to dub the same tapes, re-edit them with

original commentary and beat his price, that's the American system. The Supreme Court "conferences," to The Supreme Court "conferences," to nse its verb, on the final Monday in September, before convening on the first. Monday in October. The other eight should get the chief to back off. Let the "new interest in court proceedings gener-ated by the tapes inspire them to sharp-en and deepen their questioning, be-"cause tomorrow's scholars and kibitzers" "all be interest in desiral colorador. will be listening in digital splendor. The New York Times.

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Regarding "China's Muslims Look to Break Away" (Aug. 16): those industries account for a relatively small percentage of overall unemploy-ment figures, many more jobs are lost when multinational corporations, lured Congratulations to Nicholas D. Kris-tof for his effort to reflect the plight of the Uighurs in the so-called Xinjiang Autonomous Region. The Turkic peo-ples of Xinjiang, unlike the Tibetans, tack a network of exiles abroad. Little reliable information filters out about hy those same low wages, relocate their production facilities abroad. Given Mr. Sutherland's position with Continuing oppression by China. The geopolitical map beyond the Great Wall, long neglected by Western strate-gists, is destined to change considerably over the next lew decades. The region is potentially explosive. Chinese leaders should be warned of the counterproduc-tive effect of their bloody policies. MUHAMED MUSHAVIR. Paris.

Exporting Jobs Regarding "Liberalize Trade or Else" (Opinion, Aug. 5):

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Peter Sutherland, director of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, argues against the view that industrial-ized countries are losing jobs because

nothing but ashes. Politicians should think less about the next election and their export-related industries cannot compete with exports from low-wage countries. His argument is disingenuous. While it may be true that job losses in more about the verdict of history. JEFFREY HAMBL RGER.

Vice or Virtue?

Oliver North, who engineered the sale of weapons to the terrorists who kid-napped American citizens, thea transferred the money to a group of murderous Nicaraguan thugs and lied about it to Congress, is now a hero to many Americans. It seems inevitable that he will be elected to public office someday. Meanwhile, Hollywood celebrities Paris are frantically running around denying assistance in abetting Serhia (and to a lesser extent, Croatia) in the partition of a sovereign state recognized by the United Nations? ruptcy - even the irrational nature - of society more than the concept that paying someone to make you feel good is a crime but providing guns and moo-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## **From Pear-Shaped Tones** To Journalism's Summit

### By Benjamin C. Bradlee

WASHINGTON - The first time I laid eyes on Boh Maynard was in the mid-1960s, when the Nieman fellows from Harvard - hotshot journalists in mid-career - came down for a week of Washiogton. They had asked me to tell them what I was up to at The Washing-ton Post, where I had been managing editor for a couple of years. Mr. Maynard, who died of cancer

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Tuesday at age 56, stood out in that crowd, not only because he was black in a profession in which there were damn

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few blacks, but because he was confrontational argumentative, mean and skepfical, verging on the obnovious. Much of my 90 minutes with the Niemans was spent arguing with Mr. Maynard. As I walked back to The Post from the

university classroom where we had met. I wondered what the hell it would take to impress him, or even interest him.

But there he was sitting in my outer office when I got back to work. Much to my surprise, he said he thought be might like to work at The Post. He had promised to return to his paper in York, Pennsylvania, for one year after the fel-lowship, but he wondered if we might be interested in him after that. We sure would be interested and told him so. One year later to the week he was back. and it wasn't long before he was the talk of the town, literally, When Washington erupted in riots after Martin Luther

Regarding the July 20 editorial "Enforce the Rules on Iraq":

as in Iraq. The impact of UN sanctions on child health is almost beyond belief.

Sewage-contaminated river systems, devastating waterborne diseases and lack of adequate medical supplies have

taken their toll. Prices of food have sky-

rocketed. The average family has forgot-ten what a cooked chicken smells like.

Even the food of the poor, the dates and

acute shortages of most medicines and equipment. I saw children suffering from cancer, without a chance of getting treat-

ment until sanctions are lifted. I shall see their faces until the day I die. One father brought his son from Bas-

lentils, have become unaffordable.

The Children Pay

King's assassination. The Post scram-hled to cover them. White reporters were in over their heads, to put it gently. trying to cover moh scenes of looting and hurning, largely by blacks. Bob Maynard was an instant success.

the star performer day after day. He had this incredibly rich theatrical voice, which he himself admired, and, when he started to transmit by car radio, the whole city room would stop to listen:

"The fames are now rising, six, eight, now 15 feet high. The entire store is being engulied, while looters, mostly children, race in and out of the burning buildings.

strangely inaware of the danger. "My car is now being surrounded hy four gentlemen, all of them apparent-ly hostile. Now there are eight of them, bouncing the car up and down. I shall have the air momentarily until things leave the air momentarily until things settle down."

The pear-shaped tones were instantly recognizable. I felt sure we would lose him to television. When the riots were over he was well on his way up the ladder that would take him to the top: to the national staff at The Washington Post, to assistant managing editor/om-hudsman and finally to the editorial page. And that was just the beginning. In the next 20 years he became a recognized leader — first a recognized black leader, then a recognized leader

of American journalism. But it all started with those pearshaped tones.

The Washington Post.

kilometers (400 miles). The boy had cancer. The hospital director did not have the heart to tell the father that the medicine was unavailable. In the father's presence, he phoned the hospital phar-As a veteran of 21 years of health and welfare work in the Middle East. I have seldom encountered such tragic scenes macist to see if there was medicine still in stock. After receiving a negative reply he phoned three other bospitals. The swer of course was always no. Then the father understood. Maku, Such scenes are repeated over and over, an endless reminder of the horrible

truth that children pay for sanctions. MARGARITA SKINNER. Seewen, Switzerland,

### In the hospitals of Iraq there is only one word, *maka*, meaning none, there is nothing, we have oothing. Doctors work under unbelievable difficulties. There are **Failed Finger-Pointing**

Regarding "Dressing Up a Faihure as a Victory" (Aug. 11) by David S. Broder: President Bill Clinton has consistent proven himself to be a master politician, yet reporters and pundits continue to belittle his accomplishments. Perhaps they have become so obsessed with their own predictions of his impending failures that they have lost all objectivity. CHARLES MANFREDI. Sorreoto, Italy.

GATT, his enthusiasm for liberalized trade can well be understood. But criti-cizing a fictitious problem is hardly an argument in his favor. ALEXANDER ANDERSON. The Verdict of History How can ooe react except with dis-gust and dismay to the West's oogoing

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Rescue boat in the Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh, England; inset, portrait of the heroine.

## In the Country of Grace Darling

#### By Michael Balter

AMBURGH, England - Until recently I had never heard of Grace Darling, which, I have been told, D proves only one thing: I am not English. Being an American, I grew up with an entirely different assortment of heroes and heroines. They did not include the fabled young lady from the Farne Islands, off Britain's wind-tossed Northumberland coast.

But during a recent visit to England I was enlightened by my 15-year-old niece, Tessa, who lives in Newcastle. When Tessa was younger, she went through a Grace Darling phase, as do many English girls.

When Tessa heard that I was planning to spend some time in Northumberland, she urged me to explore the legend of Grace Darling. Although she has since moved on to other interests, it was clear that the glow of admiration for her first heroine had yet to dim. I agreed to look into it.

The facts are as follows: Grace Darling lived in the lighthouse on Longstone Island, one of the Farnes, with her mother and her father, William Darling, who was the lighthouse keeper. On the morning of Sept. 7, 1838, the steamship Forfarshire, carrying about 60 passengers and crew, ran into the rocks of nearby Big Harcar Island during a violent storm and broke in two.

Nearly everyone drowned, but when Grace looked out her bedroom window she saw nine people alive on the rocks. Grace and her father launched their small boat and rowed through the treacherous waves to Big Harcar. While Grace held the cars steady. William helped five of the survivors aboard and they then took them back to Longstone. William rowed back with the help of two of the men just rescued to fetch the remaining survivors. The story of Grace Darling's deed (her father, for some reason, took second billing) spread quickly throughout England. "Is there in the whole field of history," cried The Times of London, "one instance of female heroism to compare for one moment with this?" A song was composed in Grace's honor, William Wordsworth wrote a poem about her (not one of his best), and Queen Victoria sent a reward of £50. Her legend was greatly enhanced four years later when, at the age of 26, she died of tuberculosis, Jessica Mitford, in her wonderfully wry book, "Grace Had an English Heart," points out that Victoria had just assumed the throne the year before the heroic deed, and

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suggests that the virtuous Grace was "the right girl in the right place at the right time to

ther in the Victorian Age." The huge basalt headlands that jut into the often violent North Sea, and which provide the moody perch for many of the famed castles of Northumberland, are intrusions of the great shelf of volcanic rock called the Whin Sill. The Whin Sill runs about 80 miles (130 kilometers) across the north of England. Just before disappearing under the waves, it gives rise to the Farne Islands. They vary in number from 15 to 28, depending on the height of the tide and who is counting. As we headed out to sea in an old fishing

boat for the two-bour tour of the islands, the comorants and shags floated above us. As we approached Longstone Island, our cap-tain circled slowly, giving us a good view of the red and white-striped Longstone Lighthouse, whose beacon first shone in 1826. The island is little more than a broad shelf of flat rock, and as the tide rose almost to the base of the lighthouse itself. I began to appreciate the courage needed to launch a boat under any circumstances, let alone during a storm.

Following the course taken by Grace and her father, our boat chugged around the Blue Caps and Little Harcar to the jagged rocks at the edge of Big Harcar Island, where the survivors from the Forfarshire had huddled. Back on land, I visited the Grace Darling

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#### National Memorial Museum in Bamburgh, the town where Grace was born and where she died. This modest building is just across the road from her burial place, in the ceme-tery of SL Aidan's Church. A few steps from the grave, on a rise overlooking the sea and visible to passing ships, is the Grace Darling Memorial, a stone sculpture of the heroine lying under an ornate canopy. In the maseum, seemingly every existent

shred of Grace's life has been gathered; her schoolgirl copy book, her mother's tea set, the cape she wore chiring the rescue, plates and silverware recovered from the wrecked Forfarshire. The walls are covered with portraits of Grace, some of which, quite fancifully. depict her alone at the oars, her face resolute and her hair flying as the sea crashes around her. It was all a bit much, although I must admit - as I rounded a corner and suddenly beheid, behind a glass enclosure, the very rowboat in which Grace had performed her deed, the long cars laid reverently over the wooden seats - that the sight was enough to melt all but the most cynical hearts.

MONG the displays at the Grace Darling Museum was a collection of the many books that have been written about her, including Mitford's recept contribution.

Curiously, however, no copies of "Grace Had an English Heart" were on sale at the museum, nor in the shops of Bamburgh. I later learned why when I spied the volume at the combination gift shop/post office on nearby Holy Island

The postmaster informed me that the book

## **A Hometown Salute to Simenon**

### By Frank J. Prial New York Tumes Service

IEGE, Belgium - "One would have to say his feet had carried him without his knowledge, by force of habit, to the Brasserie Dauphine. He greeted the proprietor, sniffed the restaurant's warm smell and went over to his corner where he had sat on the beach thousands of times before.

"There's andouillette," Inspector." All over the world, hundreds of thousands of readers would recognize the subject of that Judiciaire, and that he is the creation of the Belgian-born novelist Georges Simenon. Throughout this summer and fall, Simenon devotees will be making their way to Liege, an industrial city in eastern Belgium where the

writer was born, to explore an exhaustive exposition about his life and work. "Tout Simenon" (All About Simenon) is at the Museum of Walloon Art in the Old Town, not far from where he was born, on Feb. 13, 1903. The show is open every day except Monday and is to run through Oct. 31. Maigret's fans, even the most avid, might

have difficulty identifying the book from which the excerpt came. Simenon wrote 76 Maigret novels, and 117 others. In his early years, he also wrote 200 novellas, most of them lurid equivalents of American dime novels, under 17 pseudonyms. The quotation is from the 1967 povel "Le Voleur de Maigret" ("Maigret's Pickpocket"). While most Simenou books were not about

Maigret, it will be for Maigret that he is most remembered. Accordingly, the exhibition here leans heavily on the Maigret legend. There is, for example, a full-scale reconstruc-tion of the offices of a police judiciaire, with Maigret's office halfway down the corridor. tones ring and detectives' voices can be heard through the walls. On Maigret's desk is a half-caten sandwich and a bottle of beer, his usual fare as he was about to begin the nightlong interrogation that always brought the case - and the novel - to a close.

ARTHER along the corridor is the police forensic laboratory, with a gauze-wrapped homicide victim laid out on the antopsy table. There are clips and stills from the 55 films made from Simenon novels. Jean Gabin was usually considered the best Maigret. Films were made not only in France, but in Holland, England, Australia, Japan and the Soviet Union

Unlike writers who discard the scraps and leftovers of their lives, Georges Simenon saved everything. Visitors can see his parents' marriage certificate, his schoolboy pencil box and his first press card as a 16-year-old re-porter on the Gazette de Liège.

There are also copies of his sleazy early fiction, livened by risque illustrations, and two huge plastic cubes said to include copies of every book Simenon wrote.

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There is a full-scale reproduction of Jose-phine Baker's dressing room — she and Sime-non once planned to collaborate on a magazine - and a reproduction, too, of the streetcar Simenon rode to school and later to work as a boy in Liège.

But Georges Simenon left Liège at the age of 19. For the rest of his life, he was above all else a chronicler of Paris, like Zola before him. The exhibit offers scores of exquisite nm. The exhibit offers scores of exquisite photographs, nostalgic posters and the poi-gnant songs of Yves Montand, Edith Pial and Maurice Chevalier, sung in the background to recall Maigret's Paris — Simenon's Paris - a city long gone, if in fact it ever existed. There are photos of most of the 33 residences he occupied during his life, including homes he maintained in Connecticut, Florida. California and Arizona when he lived in the United States, from 1950 to 1960.

There are clippings from a virulently anti-Semitic series Simenon wrote for the Gazette de Liège when he was 18. On display, 100, is a letter from a graduate student inquiring about the series almost 50 years later and Simenon's offhand reply. There were one or two such articles, he said, adding, "I was only a kid and I was forced to write them." Simenon never considered himself an intel-

lectual. He even bridled when referred to as a writer. "I am a novelist," he said, as if what he did was a well-learned craft and had little traffic with art. He had no use for the mediasensitive Paris intellectual world, but he cor-

responded with its leading lights. The exhibit displays often flattering letters to and from Sacha Guitry, Jean Anouilh, François Mau-riac, Federico Fellini, Jean Cocteau, André Gide and Charlie Chaplin.

Simenon laid bare the darkest corners of his personal life in scores of autobiographical books and articles. And yet the exhibit here is curiously circumspect about, among other things, his apparently insatiable sexual appetite - he maintained he had slept with thousands of women - and about the suicide cf his daughter, Marie-Georges, at the age of 25 in 1978. Her death nearly destroyed him emotionally and colored everything he wrote

until his death on Sept. 4, 1989. Georges Simenon was not, by most ac-counts, including his own, a particularly lik-able man. Liège's admiration for him was sparingly reciprocated. For most of his life, he was estranged from his mother. Both his marriages failed. For affection, he seemed to prefer prostitutes, whose services he regularly

The exhibit makes no attempt to gloss over most of his personal defects. What it does is present a thorough and painfully honest por-trait of a writer obsessed with his craft.

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Liège exhibit follows the tracks of the crime writer's life.

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Trying to keep fit? All you need is a door and about \$60 to buy a two-pound (that's less than a kilo) gym made by Lifeline International of Madison, Wisconsin. The Lifeline Gym, in a handy tote bag, includes a lifting bar, a webbed jogging belt, a safety catch and a six-foot suretch cord with stimups for hands or feet. Instructions tell you how to set up the gym by fitting a small webbed gizmo into the crack between a door and its frame. A chart helps determine the strength level of stretch cord to choose, ranging from about 3 pounds to about 350 pounds of tension, depending on the user's physical condition. It's a good idea to buy an extra cord a notch lower in tension than prescribed. That way, on a bad day you can still feel strong.

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local folk. I asked why. He explained shyly that the book delved into Grace's "sex life and that sort of thing." When I finally got a chance to sit down and read it. I found that Mitford had indeed briefly mentioned Grace Darling's sex life — namely, the lack of it. As I returned home from this visit, I dis-

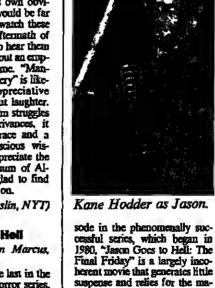
covered that L too, was going through a Grace Darling phase. For days, to the aston-ishment of my English wife, I would talk of nothing else. Even now I can be heard on occasion singing some of the words to the Grace Darling Song: Go, tell the wide world over, What English pluck can do: And sing of brave Grace Darling.

Who nobly saved the crew. Michael Balter is a free-lance journalist living in Paris.

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by the demands of a dated detec-tive story. "Manhattan Murder Mystery" ignores its own obvi-ous possibilities. It would be far Directed by Woody Allen, No one could cling to the notion that Woody Allen's art simply imitates his life after watching more interesting to watch these two work out the aftermath of "Annie Hall" than to hear them Manhattan Murder Mystery, theorize endlessly about an empthe mild, middle-aged, atypically hlithe comedy Allen was busy directing when his private diffity, genre-bound crime. "Manhattan Murder Mystery" is likelier to prompt appreciative chuckles than flat-out laughter. culties became front-page news. Nor could anyone watch this lat-est film of Allen's in a vacuum. And although the film struggles with its own contrivances, it achieves a gantle grace and a Reuniting Allen with Diane Keaton, this time to play a uaghint of un-self-conscious wisging neurotic Nick and Nora Charles investigating the disap-pearance of their neighbor, "Manhattan Murder Mystery" dom. Those who appreciate the long, daring continuum of Al-len's work will be glad to find him simply carrying on. cannot help conjuring up the rapport these two shared so (Janet Maslin, NYT) memorably, several lifetimes

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ore. Jason Voorhees (Kane Hodder), the series' hockeymasked fiend, is dismembered by a squad of machine gun-toting police. In the autopsy room, Jason seems beyond repair. Then suddenly his extracted heart begins to beat. The coroner becomes transfixed and grabs the heart, cramming it into his mouth. With many flashes of lightning Jason is reborn in the coroner's body. Back in action, the serial killer heads straight for his hometown. The only person possessing the secret to Jason's undoing is Creighton Duke (Stoven Williams), a professional bounty hunter. In order to learn Creighton's secrets, Steven Freeman (John D. LeMay), who leads the anti-Jason forces, must allow Creighton to break several of his fingers. Such gratuitous sadism gives the film an edge of sourness, and it doesn't help that Jason's intended victims (and the actors who play them) are pallid sitting ducks. (Stephen Holden, NYT)



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## Juggling Cards, Cash and Checks

#### By Roger Collis tional Herald Tribune

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T is late when you arrive at Brussels Airport and you join an impatient line of travelers in front of the bureau de change. All you really need are enough Belgian francs to get you to the hotel and for tips. Should have bought them in London, but you'd run out of pounds and didn't want to be ripped off going from dollars to francs. Still, you've got a 100 Swiss franc note plus. dollar traveler's checks. And you're going to ... need Deutsche marks tomorrow. Save the Swissies for that. So let's cash a \$50 check. What's the rate? What the hell! It's a zerosum game. Sort it out when you get home. I'm sure you are better organized. But not everyone thinks of the cost of money itself as

#### The Frequent Traveler

manageable item in a travel budget. Most of us take a bunch of cards, some traveler's checks, a bit of cash and hope for the best. Yet you can lose quite a lot of money just by changing it in the wrong places and in the wrong form. The art of managing money on the move is to have the right mix of payment. for every kind of trip, taking into account security, cost and convenience.

Turbolent exchange rates since the virtual collapse of the European Monetary System'a couple of weeks ago have produced a new breed of speculators: travelers, either buy huge amounts of foreign cash before they go or wait until the last minute before changing money, and then only in small amounts, depending on whether they are optimists or pessimists. (It's wise to heed the old Soviet

adage: an optimist is a pessimist who is badly informed.) "My answer is that cleverer people than Mr. Public will not take positions

the system. This may vary from a couple of days to several weeks.

counts the charge. It's a question of round-abouts and swings. You may make a killing or be in for a shock depending on whather your currency has strengthened or weakened against the other. It may be also worth acquiring a dollar-based card.

What counts with cards is that you can get cash wherever you are in local currency from growing networks of ATMs (automated tell-ar machines). There are daily limits on how much you can draw (typically \$300 a day), depending on the color of your plastic. Elec-"handling" charge, and according to some insiders; the michange rate isn't as good as you can get over the counter for cash.

Cash, it is said, is the poor man's credit card, But there's no sign it is going out of style. Cash, of course, is also the most vul-nerable to loss and theft — and to the cupidity of money changers.

Banks make their money from the spread between the "biry" and "sell" rate, which can yary from 5 percent to 12 percent. This can vary from 5 percent to 12 percent. This can be confusing. The buy rate is the rate at which the bank will buy your dollars, say, in London, and sell you pounds. The sell rate is for buying dollars. A typical dollar/pound spread in London right now is a buy rate of \$1.53, and a sell rate of \$1.40. The narrower the spread; the better the deal. And then you'll pay a commission of around 1.5 per-cent. The easiest way to figure it all out is to ask how much they'll give you for \$100 after all deductions.

all deductions. If you need several correncies, make sure they don't charge separate commissions on each, instead of treating them as a single transaction. Another tip-off is charging you for two transactions when you change mon-ey into a third currency. Let's say you go into a bank in London and ask to change Swiss francs into dollars. Yes, they can do that, you'll be told. But first they have to be changed into pounds and then into dollars, meaning a double commission for the bank. Should you change money at home or abroad? Generally speaking, Kahn says, you set a better rate when you buy the foreign for two transactions when you change mon-

### get a better rate when you buy the foreign currency in your own country. OUNTRIES with soft currencies and vertiginous inflation rates often have "ringent controls on imports and exports of their own

currency and foreign money. Ethiopia and Algeria, for example, take customs declara-tion forms very seriously. Keep receipts of all transactions. And do not expect to be able to change back local currency into hard currency when you leave. (Ask your agent to check in TIM - Travel Information Manual - or get hold of a copy yourself.) The Eurocheque system, which allows you

to write checks in any currency, is a good way to get cash when traveling in Europe and some neighboring countries. You can also use it to pay bills but this can be expensive (2.25 percent of the check amount).

You may get a slightly better rate for checks than cash, especially when cashing large sums. But the commission rate is sometimes higher. Normally you pay a commis-sion of 1 to 2 percent on checks when you buy them and when you return unused foreign currency checks to your bank. But a good business travel agent should be able to waive the commission. The TIM (Travel Information Manual)

contains information on travel documentation for more than 200 countries. It can be obtained by writing to: TIM, P.O. Box 902, NL-2130 EA Hoofddorp, The Netherlands. TeL: (31) 2503 73525; Fax: (31) 2503 73515.

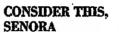
Mueéa d'Art Modarne (tel: 47.23.61.27). To Sept 12: "Robert Combas: Du Smple et du Double " Exhibition by one of the most colorful and playful French painters of the 780s.

#### GERMANY

Hamburg Opera Stabile (40.35.68.406). Aug. 22, 24, 29, Sept. 5: Performances of Franz Suppe's "Die Schone Ga-

ITALY

Siena Chiesa di Sant'Agostino (tel:294 701). To Sept. 5: "Francesco di Gior-gio and the Renaissance in Siena 1450-1500." The Siena-born archtact, military engineer, designer, sculptor, painter, hydraulics and bal-listics expert was an elusive and im-pressive example of the Renaissance Man. The exhibition feetures early paintings alongside a lost fresco un covered in 1977,



By Harriet Doerr. 241 pages. \$21.95. Harcourt Brace.

Reviewed by Ana Castillo WHEN Harriet Doern's first novel, "Stones for Ibarra." was published in 1978, it won wide acclaim and the National Book Award. What seemed to add to Doerr's remarkable achievement was her age at the time of publica-tion; she was 67. To an extent, the

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#### BRITAIN London

Barbican Centre (1et 638 5403) To Sept. 5. "Alan Davie." A retro-spective of the works of the British spective of the works of the Entish painter from his early oil paintings to his Abstract Expressionict paintings of the '50s and '60s and to recent paintings showing his interest in Eastern religions and primitive cut-tures and beliefs. · · · ·

#### FRANCE

Dijon Muséa das Beaux-Aris (tél. 80.74.53.44). To Sept. 27 "L'Age d'Or Flamand et Hollandais: Collec-tions de Catherine II." More than 40 paintings by 16th-century Dutch and Flemisth artists, including Rubens, Jordaens, Van Dyck, Hals, arrong others, purchased under the aegis of Catherine the Great and now part of St. Petersburg's Hermitage Museum collection. collection. Marselite

Musée Cantini (1el: 91 54 77 75). To Sept. 12: "Class Oldenburg. In the Studio." Mora than 160 sketches, drawings, collages and sculptures, by Pop artist Class Oldenburg, best known for his giant soft sculptures of everyday objects. Paris



Detail from Balthus's "La Montagne" in Lausanne.

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 792.22.2288), To Aug 29: "The Attraction of Paul Devaux," Features

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### NETHERLANDS

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Van Gogh Museum (1cl: 570.52.00) To Aug 29: "The Potato Eaters." Drawings and paintings re-lating to van Gogh's "Potato Eaters." which he finished in 1895. In add-tion, there is a showing of the series, "Frugal Meals," by other 19th-centu-ry artists such as Max Liebermann, Joseph Israels and Johannes Albert

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Centraal Museum (tel 362 362) To Oct 3: "James Ensor (1860-1949)." Features 50 paintings and 70 drawings and etchings, including a series of erotic drawings by the Beigian pio-neer of Expressionism

#### SWITZERLAND

Lausanne Muséa des Beaux-Aris (le! Musea des Beaux-Aris (ref. 312.83.32). To Aug 29 "Bathus." More than 50 paintings, 36 watercol-ors and crawings by the Polish-born French figurative painter, who devel-oped a naturalistic style with occasional Surrealist overtones.

#### Martigny

Fondation Pierre Gianadda Itel 22.39.78) To Nov 21 "Edgar De-gas: 1834-1917." More than 70 sculptures and 130 paintings, sketches and drawings of begas le-vorite themes; horses, ballennas, prostitutes and balhers.

#### UNITED STATES

New York American Craft Museum (1el; 965.3535) To Oct. 10. "John Cage; Edible Drawings." These drawings combine the traditional an of paper-making with the artist's avant-garde

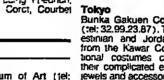
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Washington The Corcoran Gallery of Art (tel: 538.1903) To Cci, 10, "Visiones del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin Amen-ca." Featuring more than 250 objects from 17 countries, this exhibition chronicles the tolk heritage of Latin Amencan artistic expression. It fea-tures a selection of objects mode lat tures a selection of objects made for ceremonial, utilitarian and decorative



than Susan hut not too old to be in earnest pursuit of that one lifelong love her mother experienced in her marriage. The third woman is her matriage life in the subsequent novel and de-sphere of the village life she experinestizo is an unfathomable enigma to the white American mind, the narrator seems aware that her North American characters find their own sense of self equally thrown off-balance when in direct." (I refer here to the "other," as Mexi-can intellectuals Octavio Paz and Carlos Fuentes have used the term in directions for the sense of the village life she experi-mother. Ursula Bowles, an old wid-ow who returns to Mexico, the place of her birth, to reminisce over fully in her first novel. After all, her long, good life and to die. It some believe that all writers have ow is the character with whom the cords fuentes have used the term in discussing how Mexicans have and which she rendered so success-ther long, good life and to die. It some believe that all writers have ow is the character with whom the core is oo small feat for any writer. Left to Doerr's second novel as a bind of sequel. Acain, we appreciate Doerr's surely reading. "Consider This, Se-

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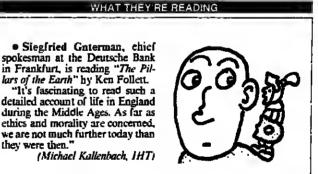
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Ana Castillo, the author of "So American characters also leaves Far From God," wrote this for The them less individuals than familiar Washington Post.



## Madrid's Party-Hungry Flock to El Balcón

#### By Al Goodman

MADRID - The designers of El Balcón Mexicano showed admirable restraint when planning the restaurant-nightclub. They left out the roller coaster and giant waterslide, but not much cise.

watershide, but not much else. Part Mexican, part Italian, part American and part Japanese in concept, this new Span-ish nightspot throbs like an unconstrained chill sance. Only natural, considering that the club's managers also run Madrid's big-amsement park (Parque de Atracciones)

and water theme park (Aquopolis). Madrid's party-hungry youth dominate El Balcon. The *chicos* with slicked-back hair wearing smart business suits and the chicus in designer outfits suggest that some clients embrace the new conservatism sweeping young Spaniards. But many other chilgoers dress casually, and a sprinkling of people over 30 lend historical perspective to the

"It's very participatory. You make friends," said Anabel Cornago, the club's publicity boss.

light, that is 

El Balcon's greatest asset is its location, perched on a hill overlooking the lovely Parque del Oeste, on the capital's fashion-able western flank. El Balcon occupies the top floor of a building whose middle level is a haunted house tour (Ruta del Terror) stocked with live actors in grim costumes. The lower level is the entry point to ride the cable cars (Teleferico) above the expansive Casa de Campo park.

El Balcón has no cover charge and clients ander in and out, often taking a respite at the nearby chic outdoor bars spread along the tree-lined Paseo del Pintor Rosales.

A large blue-neon Mexican sombrero pre sides over the entrance to the club, Diners who sit down in the spacious restaurant must spend at least 1,000 pesetas (about \$7). The menu includes nachos, tacos, hamburgers, a salad bar and pizzas topped with Mexican beans and chilis (500 to 800 pesetas each). This is not a place for intimate conver tion because the DJ keeps a heavy bass-line

reverberating on the pop and salsa tunes. Diners can watch TV screens showing rock. videos or sing along with the adventurers.

who step up to the now-ubiquitous karaoke machine, switched on at strategic moments during the evening. There is also a real piano for those who can actually play a song.

The staff places a Viking-horn hat on the head of people celebrating birthdays. Some revelers get up and dance right in the restau-rant section. Others walk a few steps past the main bar (the margaritas are skimpy; try the Mexican beer) to the crowded dance floor. Here one finds some partygoers who are "desperately available," as an English wag observed, and plenty of seasoned nighthawks on the move.

Beyond the dance floor is the outdoor balcony, where couples snuggle in the closest available escape from the action, which continues until 3 A. M. or later on weekends. El Balcón Mexicano, Passo del Pinto Ro-

sales at the corner of Marqués de Urquijo. 541-7440. Closed Mondays, Separate admis-sion to the haunted house (560 pesetas) and cable car ride (430 pesetas), which close earlier than the nightclub.

Al Goodman reports from Spain for CNN.

Doerr demonstrated in that book a pristine prose style and a steady eye for detail that made her novel undeniably noteworthy. By Alan Truscott Doerr's slender new novel,

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medicine, technology and financial flow seem slow in coming.

thor's generation.

ERY strong three-suited hands "Consider This, Señora," seems a present problems in standard sequel of sorts. And sequels to any novel as successful as Doerr's first methods Ao example is the diagramed deal from the June playoffs in bear the burden of being expected to measure up to the author's repu-tation. In "Consider This, Señora," Memphis that determined the 1993 she returns to familiar terrain - a American world champiooship remote Mexican village, Amapolas. Although there is a new set of char-The North player. Marty Bergen of Farmingdale. Long Island, was relieved to hear his partner respond acters and a different village, the portrayals and stories are reminis-

cent of Southwestern and Mexican one heart. Now he was able to hid life as drawn by writers of the aufour clubs, 2 splinter bid to show a strong hand, a heart fit and club shortage. East doubled. South at-Again we have the local villagers as a backdrop: the incompetent tempted to sign off in four hearts. government officials, the mason, and North raised to five hearts. the cobbler, the young barefoot This asked South to continue to girls dreaming of love, babies dying

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West led the spade four.

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VW's López Says the Japanese Are the Real Enemy By Silvia Wadhwa

mbert Business News WOLFSBURG, Germany - Filled with confidence despite the charges of industrial estionage swirling around him, José Ignacio López de Arriortua, the embattled chief of parchasing and production at Volkswagen AG, said Thursday that his real enemy was not General Motors Corp., his former employer, but Japan.

"Unfortunately, they are different," Mr. Lopez said in an interview of the Japanese. "I don't like their way of living And I prefer to live in Western society, prefer the way we are living. If you are losing this battle and

the way we are many. If you are losing this barrie and you have new bosses, then sooner or later you will have the same style of living as your bosses." In a wide-ranging conversation in his office here — his first interview with an international news organiza-tion since defecting to Volkswagen from GM last March — Mr. Lopez maintained that neither he nor his associates took any confidential information from GM. Indeed he officered an other hearch of sorts to the Indeed, he offered an olive branch of sorts to the

he had undertaken both to protect "Western society." "General Motors today is in much better shape than when I went there," Mr. López said. "I am happy that I helped in its consolidating, because it gave Western society a strong company. Now my vision is, come here and consolidate the second powerful company in Western society, Volkswagen.

When you have these two strong companies -General Motors in America and Volkswagen in Europe - then the chances for Western society to win are much better than if you have only one.

"That's how we win this battle." Mr. Lopez insisted.

"And that's what moved me to come here." Mr. Lopez, a 52-year old Spaniard who engineered the numaround of GM's faltering European operations with a program that analysis say saved it more than \$1 billion, left for Volkswagen on March 16. GM's head of worldwide purchasing at the time, he

spurned an offer to take over the corporation's North

American automaker, saying his work at VW was American operations to return to Europe. Associates interview, although he refused to answer questions complementary to his earlier efforts at GM, and that said be was drawn by an opportunity to build an auto about the allegations of industrial espionage. factory in Spain's economically depressed Basque region, where he was raised.

But after several of his GM associates followed Mr. Lopez to the German automaker, he and VW found themselves earneshed in a series of legal battles with GM. In April GM's Adam Opel unit filed a criminal complaint, accusing Mr. Lopez and others of taking confidential business papers, in defiance of German laws against unfair competition.

So far, though, no one has been charged with an offense. German authorities say they are continuing their investigation. In statements released to the press. Mr. Lopez has affirmed his innocence. VW has said that it continues to support him and does not believe the allegations.

Volkswagen had heretolote spurned requests for interviews with Mr. Lopez. But the executive, eager to defend his integrity and explain what he called his "vision" for Western auto companies, agreed to an "We didn't bring here any documents that are secret

or confidential or proprietary." Mr. Lopez said, in the only response be would make to the charges. "We put

this in writing twice. What else can I say?" Despite the bitterness of GM's charges against him. Mr. Lopez hurled his sharpest criticism at Japan. "We in the West were too naive," he said. "We

cannot afford to be naive. If you lose the battle for the automotive industry, then the West and Western society will become a second-class society, because one out of seven people here lives from cars. So the automotive industry is essential. We must win."

The weapons he intends to use in the battle for tomotive dominance, however, were forged in Japan. Mr. López said that the most important element in corporate success was worker motivation, and that the best systems for inspiring workers to contribute to a

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the European consortium Airbus Industrie after failing to win assurances that the U.S. government would allow Iran to buy the planes from Rocing Co., according to ad-ministration and industry officials. Airbus has guaranteed export licenses if han orders Airbus pla with engines supplied by Rolls-

A U.S. panel recommended relief for the airline industry. Page 12.

Royce PLC of Britain, according to copies of messages from Iran Air officials. Airbus declined Thursday

officials. Airfust declined Thursday to comment on pending deals. Iran Air initially sought to buy 16 Rocing 737 passenger jets powered by GE engines reported to be worth a total of \$750 million. But despine direct appeals in March by Boeing Co. and General Electric Co. to top officials in the administration and President Bill Clinton's own pledge at a Boeing plant to help the U.S. accospace industry do better in the world marketplace, the U.S. compa-nies have been mable to win per-



with Asia in the hope that these moves will provide ao even tries more as an opportunity and less as a problem. But some economists, espegreater boost from sales to the cially those who oppose the trade

Third World. accord, view this export boom as To the administration, the ara mixed blessing. They argue that the surge in exports causes gument is simple: more exports mean more jobs. some job losses because the pur-

"For the first time in a long time, the less-developed nations chases often come from companies that move their factories will grow considerably faster than the industrial world over the next overseas and then import Ameridecade and their markets are beBy Keith Bradsher Vew York Times Service

A 5-Year High

For U.S. in June

WASHINGTON - The U.S. trade deficit widened dramatically in June to \$12.06 billion, the largest in more than five years, as exports shrank and imports rose, especially in trade with Western Europe.

Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown and some private-sector economists attributed the sharp deterioratioo to economie stagnation abroad, which reduces foreign demand for American goods, and continued growth in the United States, which leaves Americans better able to afford imports.

The June deficit in merchandise trade easily exceeded the already large deficit in May of \$8.38 bil-lion, and was the largest since a \$12.56 billion shortfall in February 1988. "It further reflects that while our economy improves, the econo-mies of several of our major trading partners remain weak," Mr. Brown said Thursday. But Clyde V. Prestowitz Jr., the

president of the Economie Strategy Institute, a Washington research group that advocates more confrontational trade policies, said that the deficit was too large to be explained by the worldwide eco-oomie slowdown. He contended that closed markets abroad were also partly responsible. Stephen L. Cooney Jr., a trade analyst at the National Association

mates that the U.S. economy grew by only 1.8 percent in the second quarter of this year. By contrast, exports fell 3.3 per-cent to \$37.65 billion.

According to Commerce Department figures, exports are cootributing less and less to American economic output, after equaling three-quarters of the nation's growth

during George Bush's presidency. During the first half of this year. rising exports accounted for only one-fifth of U.S. economic growth. The sheer size of the June short-

fail startled trade experts, who had expected only a modest increase from the May deficit. "That's just upimaginable," said Wayne L. Ber-man, a former Commerce Department official and senior Bash campaign aide, when told of the June deficit.

Recalling the Clinton campaign's famous slogan last year "It's the economy, stupid," Mr. Berman said that "the pbrase should have been, 'lt's the global economy, stupid' because you can't

separate our economy out. The biggest increases in imports were for manufactured consumer goods - ootably cotton clothing and television sets -- and manufactured industrial products, led by t férr puter chips. Export categories that fell sharply included gold, comput-er accessories, and cars and car

large jump anticipated this year. American sales to the nonindustrialized world rose to \$167 distrialized world rose to \$157 hillion last year, up 14 percent over the previous year and large-ly offsetting weak demand from Europe and Japan, both plagned by economic shumps. Exports to the Third World jumped to more than 37 percent of total U.S. ex-ports to year form 32 percent ports last year, from 32 percent

Administration officials attribute the export boom to several factors. The rapidly industrializ-ing countries of Asia are growing at a phenomenal pace, enabling them to purchase more metalcutting machines and Madonna

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records. Mexico, Argenting and other Latin American countries have recently lowered many tariffs and removed other trade barriers. while the region's growth is picking up after years of stagnation. U.S. exports have also been helped by the drop in the dollar's value since 1985 and the increased competitiveness of American companies. The administration has bailed

EW YORK - U.S. fund managers say they are shifting The expectation that corporate carnings will rebound as growth revives could sustain the current rallies in European stock until at

cast the end of the year, U.S. market analysts and investment strategists say. 

A clear favorite in stock ourchases by U.S. mutual-, pension-Bank stocks are a and hedge-fund managers are \_\_\_\_\_\_ clear favorile among \_\_\_\_\_ tcrest-rate-sensitive by nature fund managers. and are expected to gain both from the decline in interest rates and the widened rate spread.

Analysts and fund managers see European banks being able to. make the same rate spread play as U.S. banks have done over the past year, borrowing at an increasingly declining short end and buying government securities at the long end.

USAA Investment-International's portfolio manager and vice president/equitics, David Peobles, suid that since the Buropean currencies were allowed to float in wider 15 percent bands on Aug. 2, he had increased his funds' weighting in European stocks to 40. percent from 34 to 35 percent 1.1

"We have been underweight in Buropean stocks all year up to now, since the ERM was acting as a straight jacket, constraining porporate profits with high interest rates," he said. "Now the bands have widened, Enropean companies could gain from falling interest rates and a broad economic recovery."

Caesar Bryan, who manages Lexington Global Fund, also said he was increasing his weighting in European bank stocks as a result of the widening of the exchange rate bands and the likelihood that interest rates will come down across Europe. "We particularly like Standard Chartered -- which gains addi-

tionally from its Asian exposure - ABN-Amro, Banque Nationale de Paris, Societé Genérale, Swiss Bank Corp. and Union Bank of

Switzerland," Mr. Bryan said. Steven Norwitz, vice president at T. Rowe Price Associates, said Sueven Norwitz, vice president at 1. Newe ritce Associates, sud he was bullish on the prospects for European stock markets in general, despite the rallies which have already been seen in France, Germany and Britain flus month. "There is a very nice combination there of valuations which are still relatively attractive despite recent rallies," he said.

nics have been anable to win permission to make the sales.

According to industry and diplomatic sources, the sticking point is Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who was deputy secretary of state under former President Jim-my Carter when Iranian radicals served the U.S. Embassy in Tchran and held 52 American diplomats

hostage for 444 days. Mr. Christopher, who negotiated the hostages' release in the final days of Mr. Carter's administra-tion, called Iran "an international outlaw" and "a dangerous country" as recently as March. The sale

is being blocked on foreign policy grounds because Iran is considered a nation that supports terrorism, courses said.

"Here is a case where the politiovernight interest rate a half-percal view in the State Department overrides what the president is saycentage point Thursday, its fourth cut in 10 days, and the franc aping. We don't like Iran so we are peared to have stabilized as the going to put... people out of work in Scattle," said an administration official familiar with the situation. trauma of last month's European

currency crisis faded. French interest-rate curts, contrary to some expectations, seem to have strengthened the country's If allowed, the orders would be of special importance to Boeing and GE, which have been forced to currency as well as sending the Parfurlough thousands of workers as is stock market soaring. Traders global aircraft sales have plummetsaid the moves seemed to have a chance of bringing about a low-inflation recovery for the economy. The Bank of France car its 24ed and Airbus has become more aggressive in making sales.

To get the Iranian business. Airhour lending rate to banks to 8.25 percent, down from 8.75 percent bus has waged an energetic cam-paign to eachde U.S. parts from its planes to avoid being subject to U.S. export licensing, Alan Boyd, the for-Wednesday and 10 percent last The franc edged higher against the Deutsche mark even after Thursmer chairman of North American operations for Airbus, told a June day's rate cut. The Gennan currency was quoted in European trading at 3.5075 francs, down from 3.5115 francs late Wednesday. heating of a government commis-sion on the airline industry. An Airbus spokesman called that assertion "categorically and totally wrong."

the treat 09.N.J to argue for trade liberalization -in particular the North American Free Trade Agreement, which would tie Mexico, Canada and the United States together in a giant free-trade zone. The ad-ministration is also seeking clos-er political and economic ties

Consiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher

PARIS - France trimmed its

DOLE CD is much more opportunity there," said Lawrence A. Summers, undersecretary of the Treasury for international affairs.

"NAFTA is an important first step in capitalizing on that op-portunity," he said. "It's time we start of thinking of these coun-

**Currency Is Steady as Echoes of Crisis Fade** 

loans.

frane in late July.

Commerce Department fig-ures show that a large part of the exports are goods to help build industry in the Third World: power generators, metal-cutting lathes, computers and telecom-

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Rate cuts such as those the Bank market pressure, officials of

of France has been making normal. France, Germany and several other

benchmark lending rates. Analysts and money-market dealers say they expect the Bank of France to bring the overnight rate down to 7.75 Their decision to allow a fluctua-

percent and then start cutting the tion range of 15 percent instead of

benchmark rates that it charges to 2.25 percent cased pressure on

commercial banks on other types of weaker currencies but set back the

make those broader cuts since a Separately, figures from the storm of speculation broke over the Bank of France indicated the cen-

At that time, currency traders position in the week ended Aug. 12, and others, expecting that France but only to a minus 175 billion would have to let the franc's value drop and cut interest rates to stim-ative 188.6 billion francs the previ-

ly are a sign of an impending cut in EC nations agreed at the beginning

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Community's bopes of establishing

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(AP, AFP, AFX, Bloomberg)

parts. of Manufacturers, taid that the 5.1

rate is 11.6 percent and rising.

Under the draft law, the govern-

ment would take over the family-support payments that businesses

The Commerce Department has now announced four consecutive

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France Trims Rate Again, Offers a Jobs Plan

## **Easier Working Rules Sought**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches five years for the first three new PARIS — France launched workers they hire. Work schedules would no longer Thursday a five-year plan to battle Work schedules would no longer unemployment, with lower taxes be limited to 39 hours a week but

on employers and more flexible would be regulated on an annual working hours as its key weapons. basis so as not to exceed an average Labor Minister Michel Giraud of 39 hours a week.

called the 55-point plan an "act of confidence" between labor and business. But union leaders called the plan "dangerous" to workers' areas, in addition to food sales. rights and said it would oot create jobs. The French onemployment

That follows a showdown between unions and Virgin Group PLC's Megastore in Paris, which defied the law and stayed open five Sundays in a row this summer.

The law is to be discussed Sept. 6 subport pay for certain low-in-come workers. It also would ex-empt employers from paying so-cial-security taxes for as long as by labor and employer leaders, and

Mattel to Buy Fisher-Price for \$1 Billion

day it would acquire the rival toymaker Fisher- close by Dec. 1. Price Inc. for about \$1 billion in stock, enlarg-

ulate its economy, bet beavily ous week.

against the franc. As a result of the

But France has been reluctant to by 1999.

Price shares, a deal worth \$994.9 billioo at Mattel's closing price of \$25.50 oo the New York Stock Exchange. Fisher-Price shares, valned at \$32.5125 under the deal, ended at the day \$23.625.

The arrangement, which requires sharehold-

Mattel is strongest in the mainstream children's market, with Barbie dolls as its leading brand. Fisher-Price specializes in toys for babies and toddlers. It was spun off two years ago by Quaker Oats Co.

Fisher-Price reported 1992 revenue of \$694 million, while Mattel had 1992 sales of \$1.85 billion, giving the combined companies sales of S2.54 billion. Hasbro's 1992 sales were also \$2.54 billion.

Mattel has been buying a number of small

United Press International er and government approvals, was announced toy companies in recent years. It announced in after the market closed. The deal is expected to close by Dec. 1. Unit is that acquired a for percent interest in Croner Toys Ltd., a leading toy marketer and distributor based in New Zealand.

> Mattel has been given high marks by analysts for its focus on its core products, such as Barbie, and its foreign expansion. Sales of Barbie hit \$1 billion last year.

"The combination of Mattel and Fisher-Price will produce a leading toy company that has the strongest consumer brands, by far, in the toy industry," said John W. Amerman, Mattel's chairman and chief executive.

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## Sony Pays Price of the High Yen

TOKYO — Sony Corp. said Thursday that the soaring yen had eroded its latest quarterly sales and profit, although the commany bulkered its and profit, although the company buffered itself by heiging against currency fluctuations.

Sony said its first-quarter net profit fell 48.5 percent, to 7.69 billion yen (\$75.8 million), from 14.93 billion yen in the like three-month period a year earlier. Sales tumbled 10.4 percent, to 828.71 billion yen in the quarter ended June 30, reflecting the rising yen and weak economies in major markets.

Despite the weak climate, Sony reported a 31.1 percent rise in pretax earnings, to 38.63 billion yen, because of reduced interest payments and gains

Taxes were reduced in the 1992 quarter because carnings from foreign subsidiaries had not been remitted to the company, and were instead reinvest-ed in those units. Sony had previously paid taxes on those carnings and so took a credit a year ago.

The effects of the strong yen and weak markets were most visible in the revenue numbers. Sony kept its carnings forecast of 87 billion yen for the year to March but lowered its sales projection to 3.72 trillion yen from 3.91 trillion.

(AFP, AP)

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ing itself to roughly the size of the U.S. industry's largest concern, Hasbro Inc. Mattei plans to swap 1.275 shares of its stock Aug. 19 for each of the 30.6 million outstanding Fisher-

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### MARKET DIARY

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### **Consumer Products** The Dow Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial ave **Boost the Market**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stock prices closed at another record Thursday an the New York Stock Exchange, as late buying helped the market shake off profit-taking earlier in the day.

Gains in consumer-products shares like Coca-Cola, Merck, and Kellogg helped the Standard & Poor's 500 index break through its

#### N.Y. Stocks

March 10 record high. The Dow Jones industrial average, mean-time, set its fifth record close this

month, climbing 7.27 to 3.612.13. The S&P 500 gained 0.39 nf a point to a record 456.43, barely passing the previous high of 456.34. The advance in the S&P 500 was helped by its heavy weighting of large consumer stocks in the health-care, beverage, food, and tobacco industries.

Stocks rose as long-term interest rates slid to a record low for the ninth straight session amid more evidence nf a sluggish economy. Bonds soared after the Commerce Department said the merchandise trade deficit widened to \$12.06 biltion in June, from \$8.4 billion in May. The yield on the benchmark 30-year bond dropped as low as o.18 percent.

The mere idea that the market Stavall, president of Stovall/Twenty-First Advisers. "You couldn't expect much more."

Decliners edged past advancers by a narrow margin. Trading was unusually brisk before Friday's op-tions expiration, with about 290 3600 million shares changing hands on the Big Board.

Drug stocks, among the biggest market losers of the past two years, have enjoyed a resurgence of investor demand in recent days, buoyed by a growing belief that President Bill Clinton's proposed health-care reforms will not hurt profits severely. Merck rose # to 33%, after leaping 1% Wednesday. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. added

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4 to 56%. Kellogg advanced 2 to 52% after the stock was placed on Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s recommended forpurchase list because the stock was down 33 percent from its 52-week high of 75% and because the firm expects cereal sales to pick up next quarter AT&T fell 11/2 to 58%. The tele-

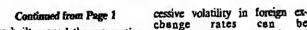
communications giant will face both technical hurdles and increasing competition after it completes its \$12.6 billinn merger with McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., a news report said. The report said McCaw, which fell 14 to 53%. will face increasing competition from the seven Baby Bells and GTE Corp. as well as technical hurdies related to the transmission of

data over cellular lines. Philip Morris, up ½ at 50%, con-tinued to gain on the strength of the didn't pull back much at all is pret-ty good, considering the disap-pointing trade-deficit number for the month of June," said Robert pany will embark on cost-cutting measures or a stock buyback.

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Foreign Exchange mnney grid buckled at the end of July, European central banks borrowed marks from the Bundesbank, using the funds in buy their OWD CUTEDCIES.

They said if German money supply expansion was higher than first appearances would suggest the market is likely to become more bearish about a cut at next week's Bundesbank council meeting and the mark should begin to tick up. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX)

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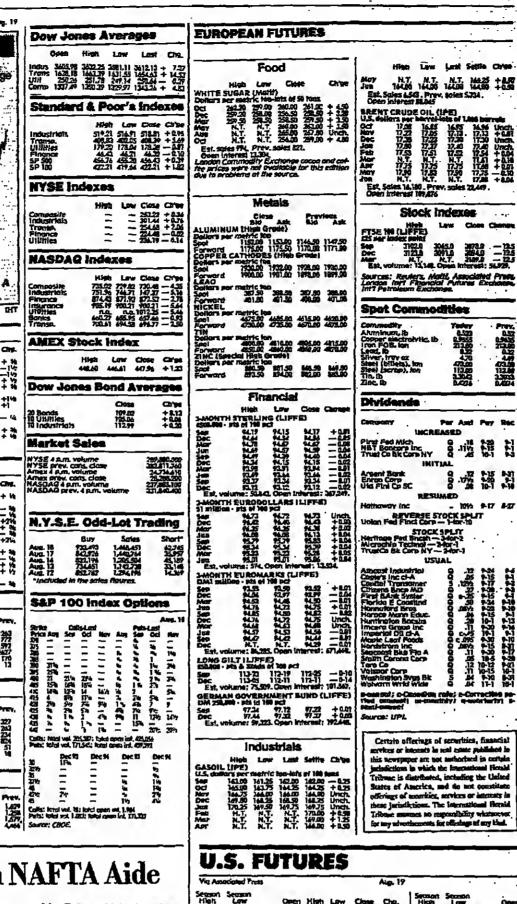
we committed to cooperate with our G-7 partners in foreign exchange markets. "In this context, we are concerned that the recent rapid rise in the value of the Japanese yen could retard growth in the Japanese and world economies. Under these con-

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WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - A federal commission formally recommended Thursday widespread regulatory and tax relief for the battered U.S. airline industry. In a report issued to President Bill Clinton and Congress, the 15-member distribution of the battered to be the second second

in a report issued to rresident bill clinion and congress, the 12-member bipartisan panel issued some 60 recommendations to help strengthen the industry, including a two-year exemption from the new 4.3 cent-per-gallon federal fuel tax, cuts in existing ticket and cargo taxes and formation of a special committee to assess cartiers' financial health. As compared the commission also accommended that forming intersector

As expected, the commission also recommended that foreign investors be allowed to sconire up to a 49 percent stake in U.S. air carriers, compared with the current ceiling of 25 percent. The commission said these investors should not be government-owned, and added that the United States should demand equivalent investment opportunities in foreign countries.

foreign committee. The commission also recommended a system of multinational agree : ments on international air rights, the so-called "open skies" policy, to; replace the current system of bilateral agreements. Mr. Clinton said he had received the report with "great interest and culturiasm." He said his administration would now draw up a plan for aiding the industry. (AFX, Reaters) aiding the industry.

### **Clinton Said to Push for Plane Order**

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — President Bill Chinton helped clinch a \$6.2 billion order from Saudia Arabia for Boeing Co. and McDonnell Dougles Corp. aircraft, according to Senator Patty Murray. The Washington Democrat said Mr. Clinton called her late Tuesday and said he dealt personally with King Fahd to secure the order. "The president told me that be talked directly to the king and it was a very tough competitive battle with our competitors in Europe," Ma. Murray told reporters by telephone from Seattle. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Times Publishing Paid Greenmail FORT WORTH, Teras (UPI) — Times Publishing Co. said that since a 1990 takeover battle, it had paid the Texas billionaire Robert Bass and others \$70 million in greenmail. Times Publishing, citing the expiration of a three-year nondisclosure agreement, said it had paid Mr. Bass \$53 million in 1990 and \$3 million Wednesday for his stock in the company, which owns the St. Petersburg Times in Florida and other media properties. Times Publishing said it planned to pay \$1 million later this year for shares Mr. Bass had donated to Stanford University. The company also said it spent \$13 million buying shares to prevent future takeover attempts.

### **GE Is Said to Plan Further Layoffs**

EVENDALE, Ohio (Bloomberg) - General Electric Co. plans to cut more than 2000 additional white collar jobs at its aircraft-engine plant in

more than 2,000 additional winte-collar jobs at its ancreit-engine plant in Evendale, Ohio, and an announcement about the layoffs could come as soon as Saturday, union officials said. "They did have a meeting yesterday but I don't know who they put on the chopping block," said Bob Hollen, chairman of the bargaining committee for the International Association of Machinists Local 912 in Evendale. They are having a hell of a reduction." Mr. Hollen's comments followed a published report that the job losses could total as means as 4 000

could total as many as 4,000.

### For the Record

Century Telephone Enterprises Inc. said it agreed to acquire the cellular-telephone system developer Celutel Inc. for about \$105 million, The price, which excludes Century's assumption of about \$40 million in Celutel debt, will be paid half in cash and half in stock. (Bloomberg) The New York Times' planned \$1 billion acquisition of the Boston Globe was approved by Justice Department antitrust regulators. (UPI) IBM Corp. researchers have found a way to create materials that may

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches LONDON - Barclays Bank PLC's cight-month scarch for a chief executive ended Thursday. morning with the appointment of a nonbanker to head Britain's sec-ond-largest bank.

Martin Taylor, 41, Joins Barclays from Courtaulds Textiles PLC where he is joint chairman and chief executive. Mr. Taylor willtakoup his duties Jan. 1, the bank said.

Barclays' decision to appoint a chief executive follows pressure from large shareholders for Andrew Baxton to split his role as joint chairman and chief executive. The lengthy matus, during which Barclays has been scouting around for a new chief executive, has been damaging to the bank, banking-industry analysts said.

"This period has not been help-ful to the basiness itself, because, it's been something of a diversion," said Hugh Jeakins, chief enecutive of Prodential Co.'s portfolio managers, which owns just over 3 percent of Barciays' stock. "People can refocus in Barclays: they now have a chief executive they can raily around

Barclays' stock surged 21 pence to close at 491 Analysts said Mr. Taylor had

carned respect at Courtaulds for splitting off the textiles sector from its chemicals sister company. He also oversaw a successful restruc-

turing program. Analysts were unfazed by the lack of banking experience on the resume of Mr. Taylor, who was a journalist at Reuters and the Financial Times before entering industry at Courtaulds in 1982

"It's quite an inspired appoint-ment," said Nick Collier, banking analyst at Morgan Stanley. "He brings with him a reputation for clear thinking on strategy and Bar-clays needs clarity of thinking at the top." (Bloomberg, Reaters)

## LIFFE's Future Is the Pits London Opts for Screams, Not Screens

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LONDON - The London International Financial Frances & Options Exchange is the eccentric -Englishman of the derivatives world. While other exchanges are embracing computer technology and linking themselves together in an international web, LIFFE largely plans to go it alone and main-tain the quaint, colorful open-outery system.

Nick Durlacher, the chairman of LIFFE (pronounced life), said his exchange could lead off the competition by doing what it has done since it opened in 1982, and by doing it alone. As other exchanges pursue high-technology trading links, LIFFE tradets will continue to short buy and sell orders in the open-outcry system that has given futures trading its wild image.

The rivalry among European futures exchanges to create new instruments and attract investors is drawing attention following the virtual collapse of the European Monetary System's exchange-rate. mechanism. With European currencies able to swing widely against each other, exchange rates and inter-est rates are expected to become volanile. Companies and investors who want to hedge may invest more of their capital through exchanges like LIFFE.

With competition heating up, LIFFE is investi-gating a hun to increasingly complicated instru-ments --- what Mr. Durlacher called "wacky prodnets" - to keep its lead in Europe's derivatives DACE

The cuchange, which made its mark in European interest-rate and currency derivatives, is enamin-ing ways to help instituts hedge against their risks, and may consider a broader array of derivatives based on British stocks and other quicky products. Yet even its chairman concedes LUFFE is spending most of its time just trying to keep its lead in Europe's derivatives race Europe's derivatives mee.

That was not always so. Through the 1980s, financial derivatives - instruments whose value is based on miderlying stocks, bonds or carrencies became the growth industry of Encopean Gnance. With computers to keep tabs on their holdings, fund managers who once would have purchased gold to hedge against stock-market collapses began buying options to sell equity indexes instead.

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For the most part, LIFFE has stood alone as exchanges from Stockholm to Paris have banded together with the hope of creating webs of trading screens that one day promise to let people trade French bond futures in Chicago or Swedish share

options in Zurich, perhaps around the clock. The key in such links is computerized, screen-based trading, a technology LIFFE uses only sparingly. Its competitors claim that LIFFE's reliance on open-outery trading will give them an edge. "Eventually you'll see all the European exchanges inked up, and LIFFE is going to strad outside."

said Karl Haeing, head of international futures and options at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt. Deutsche Bank is the biggest shareholder of LIFFE's German rival, the screen-based Deutsche Terminborse.

Live traders, the exchange contends, mean liquidity for its contracts.

Mr. Durlacher defended LIFFE's system. "When we started in 1982 there were probably people who said, "Why on Earth are you building a floor? Why aren't you using modern technology and trading screens?," he said. Open-outery, he maintained, gives LIFFE an advantage by encouraging traders to buy and sell for their own accounts with their own capital. These traders, known as locals in the argon of the futures markets, make LIFFE's contracts

more active and thus easier to trade. LIFFE made a foray into screen-based trading four years ago by allying with the Tokyo Stock Exchange to trade Japanese government bond fu-tures. The London exchange is now spending about £2 million (53.1 million) to upgrade that system and to incorporate trading of Japanese government bond options, Mr. Durlacher said.

Yet that is about as far as LIFFE intends to go, at least for now. In the past two months, the exchange has suspended linkage talks with the Chicago Board of Trade and stopped its discus-sions with Glober Corp., which rans a 24-hour trading network, LIFFE said it could not cut the deals it wanted.

LIFFE's stand-alone approach has some traders and investors worned, especially because the ex-change has had mixed success getting new prodnets off the ground. Earlier this month, the London exchange suspended its Spanish bond futures, which it had set up five months earlier to compete with contracts on Barcelona's Mercado Futuros Financieros, because trading never took off. In June, LIFFE killed off its U.S. bond futures and options contracts for lack of trading.

## **Mannesmann Slips** Into First-Half Loss, **But Upturn Is Seen**

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Analysis said restructuring costs. which probably accounted for near-BONN - Mannesmann AG anly half of the loss, would be lower in nounced Thursday a dramatic the second half. They also said plunge into a first-half loss, surprislosses at the company's mobileing analysis, who nonetheless said phone division. Mannesmann Mo-bilfunk, were diminishing rapidly. the company should do better during the rest of the year.

The German engineering con-"Mobilfunk probably cost them cern posted a net loss for the first 140 million in the first half." Mr. haif of 1993 of 467 million Deut-Coats said. "But it will move into profit next year." Mannesmann sche marks (\$276 million), after a 15 million DM profit a year earlier. said sales at Mobilfurik were grow-The loss came despite a small rise in sales, to 12.87 billion DM from ing very rapidly and that the unit would break even early in 1994. 12.82 billion a year earlier. Losses until new have been due to Mannesmann shares fell 8.30 DM to close at 333.20 DM on the high start-up costs.

Frankfurt exchange. "I was shocked by the result," The company said that all of its other divisions were hat by weak demand and sales in the first half of said Charatampos Christopoulos, senior analyst at Barclays de Zoete the year. Mannesmann said its re-Wedd in Frankfurt. "I had predictsults were also burdened by heavy ed a much smaller loss. But they are restructuring costs. at the bottom now, Everything will

be higher from now on." "The result is worse than expect-The company's core machinery and plani-construction, business lost money in spite of higher reve-nue, due to weak sales in massed," said Alan Coats of Panibas Capital Markets in London. "The bottom of my prediction range had been a 400 million DM loss." production areas and low prices worldwide.

### Very briefly:

ABB Profit Flat

Brown Bovers Ltd., the Swedish-Swiss electrical and heavyengineering conglomerate, said first-half pretax profit had edged up to \$497 million. from \$496 million in the like 1992 period.

to reach about last year's levels," the company said. Reve-nue fell 5 percent to \$13.08 billion, while fust-half orders were down 12 percent to \$15.03 billion

ABB said it experied addiin Europe and North America. would only gradually affect ABB's flow of orders.

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### · Britain's economy grew 0.5 percent in the second quarter from the first period and 1.5 percent from a year earlier, the government said, confirm-ing provisional figures. Separately, the National Institute Economic Review forecast growth of 2 percent in non-oil GDP in the second half. · British car production feli 2.4 percent to 115,648 units in July, the industry association said. Production for export fell 16 percent to 33.578.

• Digital Equipment Corp. said it would close its factory in Kaufbüren, Germany, by June 1994. The factory employs 600 people and makes magnetic disk drives for information storage in computer systems.

 Willis Corroon PLC said fluctuations in exchange rates helped boost the insurance concern's pretax profit i7 percent in the first half, to £63.1 million (\$94.1 million). In an unexplained move, the company halved its interim dividend to 3.3 pence a share.

• Germany's trade surplus widened to a provisional 4.9 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.89 billion) in May from a revised 1.3 billion DM in April.

· Elf Atochem, a subsidiary of Elf Aquitaine, is discussing selling a posystyrene plant near Paris to Huntsman Polypropylene Corp. of the United States. The Ribecourt plant has a capacity of 80,000 tons a year. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP

## Earnings Rise at Den Danske

Bloomberg Business News billion kroner in the first half, from COPENHAGEN - Denmark's 1.0 billion a year earlier. Chief Executive Knud Sorensen largest bank, Den Danske Bank, said Thursday its pretax profit had surged to 2.4 billion Danisb kroner said that "the improvement in core banking profits indicates that the ongoing efforts to consolidate our (\$348 million) in the first half of 1993, from 6.0 million a year earlier. market position and cut costs can gradually produce results." Den Danske Bank said the num-Den Danske said profit was boosted by securities-valuatioo gains of 1455 billion kroner, up ber of employees had fallen to from 199 million kroner a year ear-12,540 on June 30, from 14,640 a lier. Provisions for bad and doubtyear earlier, helping to reduce ful debt climbed 40 percent to 1.4 costs.



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company's goals were developed in Asia, Volicswagen, he said, had begun to implement a system it called KVP — an acronym of the German phrase for continuous production in-provements. KVP is frankly modeled on similar approaches used by Japanese manufacturers.

"There is a change from the dominant part' management has played in the past, handing. everything from the top down; orders from top. to bottom, changes from top to bottom," Mr. Lopez explained. "Involvement of the workers

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is an essential part of this third industrial revo-The executive insisted, though, that Western

companies could not merely copy Japanese techniques.

"We need to build on our strength, on cre-l'alivity," he said, "Creativity is the strength of Western society. If we use our creativity, we can beat the Japanese," In spite of his tough talk against the Japa-

nese, Mr. Lopez attempted at one point to soften his milicism, calling them "intelligent people, good people" with "a lot of mein." But

values of a company's owners affected the welfare of its employees.

His comments about Japanese ownership had a ironic cast to them, considering Mr.

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he stressed his belief that the nationality and

"I prefer to live in the Western society, prefer the way we are living," Mr. López said.

López's own reputation as a cost-cutter. But Mr. López said VW's suppliers had little to complain about. "Since I've started, we made

some 4,000 supply decisions," he said. "Only for 4 percent, the suppliers lost their business

## **Profit Leaped** At Ericsson In First Half

AFP-Extd New STOCKHOLM --- LM Ericsson AB said Thursday its first-half pre-tax profit had soared 20-fold, to 1.29 billica kronor (\$161 million), from 59 million kronor a year earlier.

Sales rose to 27.394 billion kronor from 20.311 billion, and oper-ating profit quadrupled to 1.405 billion from 350 million. The company said it expected pretax profit for the full year to be

double the year-earlier figure of 306 pulius kronot All business areas showed posi-tive development, the company said, Sales in public telecommuni-

cations rose to 10.04 billion kronor from 8.75 billion, while sales in the mobile-communications business area rose to 10.65 billion from 6.10 billion, making it the company's

largest area of business. Ericsson said roughly half of the increase in the first-half order inflow was due to the depreciation of the krona, but this had only a marginal effect on the profit level.

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tional extraordinar, charges of around \$500 million by year-end, mainly for closings or cutbacks at several facilities The company said demand for products and services in Europe was expected to re-main "sluggish" and that the slow North American recovery

(Bloomberg, Rewers)

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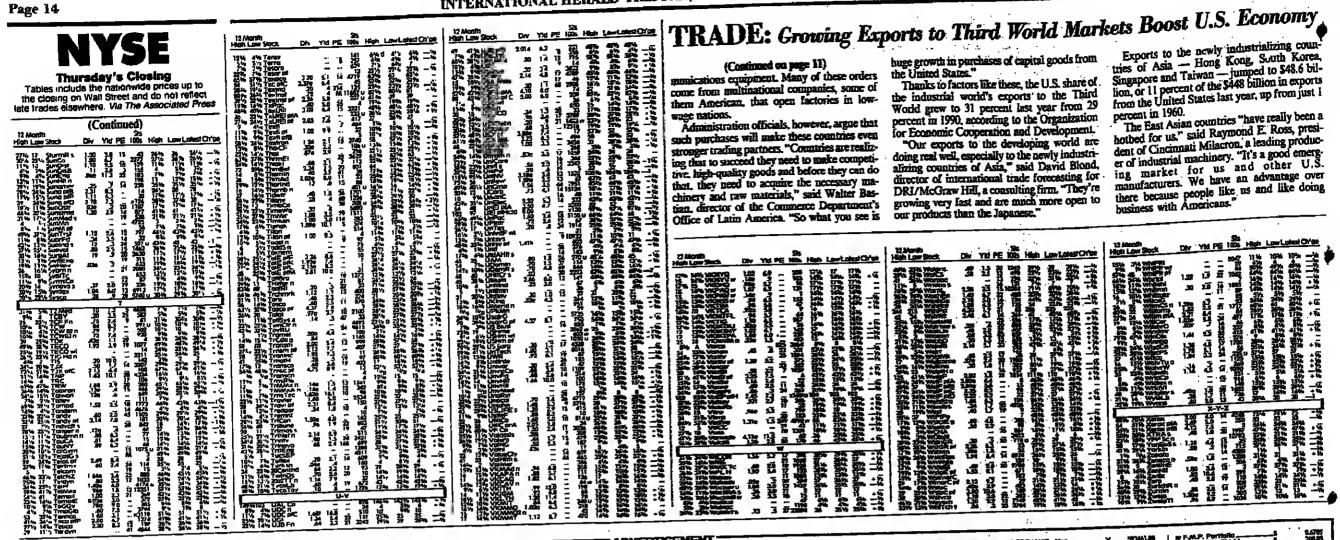
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## <sup>9</sup>2 Li Firms Post Strong Earnings

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG - Hutchison Whampos Ltd. reported Thursday a net profit of 2.52 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$325.1 million) for the six months ended June 30, reversing a loss of 78 million dollars in the same period a year earlier.

The turnaround at the real-estate, telecommunications, energy and retail conglomerate - which is controlled by Hong Kong's richest man, Li Ka shing, through his main investment vehicle Cheung Kong (Holdings) - reflected the elimination of red ink at its 49 percent-owned Canadian oil and gas associate, Husky Oil, Hntchison said.

Mr. Li said the group's British telecommunications businesses continued to post losses, reflecting slug-gish consumer spending in Britain.

Hutchison said-Husky Oil, as a result of reorganization, cost-cntting, increased shipments of gas and higher prices, made a positive months. It did not specify the amount. In the first half of 1992, Hutchison took a 1.42 billion dollar loss provision related to its investment in Husky.

Hutchison's sales climbed to 11.52 billion dollars from 10.25 billion. Directors declared an interim dividend of 19 cents a share, up from 16 cents last year.

Separately, Cheing Kong said first-half profit climbed 94 percent, to 4.53 billion dollars. Its dividend was raised 4 cents, to 24 cents.

Mr. Li said Cheung Kong continued to seek investment opporta-mities in Hong Kong real estate and infrastructure and would continue to fund property, power-plant and infrastructure projects in China.

(Bloomberg, AP)

### Seoul Ratifies **Ban on Aliases**

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The Associated Press SEOUL — South Korea's parliament on Thursday ap-proved a presidential decrec-banning the use of false names in financial dealings, part of the government's effort to stamp out continue

expanding at a fast pace," said Tony Illakey, Pepsi's president for Asia-Pacific. could become the world's biggest single soft-dimks market. take a very long time." The upsuot is that although the government hopes to use deregulation to spur the languid economy, the stamp out comption. as the American economy began growth has crawled nearly to a stop. All the 299-member Nation-. The U.S. based food and beyerexpanding while other economies Pepsi's news came a day after its First-Time Jobless Down age concern also said it would soon rival, Coca-Cola, said it would set up a third joint-venture bottling plant in China with Hong Kong's Foreign governments, meanwhile, are unhappy with did non al Assembly except for one opunveil "a major new investment strategy for China, including more Pepsi-controlled joint ventures. Pepsi executives said the new mediate benefits will be small. As a result, officials The U.S. Labor Department said position legislator supported President Kim Young Sam's decree, announced a week ago. The weakest June trade figures the Japanese trade surplus and want import barriers to be reduced and consumers to huy more foreign-made are likely to lower interest rates as well as income and were for commerce with Western Thursday that the number of corporate taxes as soon as September. Europe, Japan, Latin America and Americans filing first-time claims products. Kerry Group, in the central city of. Although the Bank of Japan governor, Yasushi Mieno, ruled out any immediate cot in the discount for johless benefits dropped by 6,000 last week to the lowest level Legislators said the decree members of the Organization of Wuhan, Coca-Cola wants to open 10 new plants in inland China in The mid-September deadline for coming up with venture, Sichuan Pepsi-Cola Beverwould send billions of dollars Micho, ruled out any immediate cot m the discount rate on Wednesday, Trade Minister Hiroshi Kumagai said Thursday that a reduction in the cost of loans to banks was necessary. "It would be very presumptuons of the Bank of Japan to claim they have never made a mistake," he said. Mr. Kumagai's criticism reflects the sense of crisis that hung over the cabinet meeting because of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. specifics areas for deregulation will come just prior to Mr. Hosokawa's first meeting with President Bill Clinage Co., in the southwestern city of With the European Community since February, The Associated hidden in hank accounts, Chengdn, would bottle a broad range of Pepsi products including 7-Up and Miranda Orange. Pepsi will hold 27 percent of the registered capital in the \$10.5 mil-lion venture, the remainder belong-ing to Sichuan Provincial Broadstocks and property inder false names flowing into in-dustrial investment. The practice of using aliases was introduced in the carly 1960s. Miguel Ko, Pepsi's group vice president for North Asia, said Pepsi would in the next two months announce a new China investment plan that would include more joint forecasting a shrinkage in econom-Press reported. ress reported. ress reported. The department said new appli-can goods there and elsewhere in Western Europe have steadily slackened and the American trade surplus has evaporated. The United States ran a S332 ventures. 23

## Fujitsu in a Long Tunnel Analysts See Light, but at a Distance

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TOKYO --- These are humbling times for Japan's once mighty electronics companies, given the soaring yen and worldwide economic slow-down. And nowhere have these harsh business realities been felt more keenly than at Fujitsu Ltd., Japan's largest computer maker. Its mainframe-computer business --- which rep-

resents roughly 70 percent of its group revenue . is in a severe slump. And while Fujitsu is making strides in fiber optics and software to try to create another major revenue source, there is a long way to go before things get better.

Complicating matters is an unprofitable invest-ment in Amdahl Corp., an American manufacturer of mainframe computers that is 44 percent owned by Fajitsa.

Industry analysts expect Fujitsu to post a consolidated net loss of 30 billion yen (\$295.9 million) for the half-year ending in September. Japanese press reports recently said the loss would be 50 billion year; but whatever the number, Fujitsu is

definitely ailing. For the year that ended in March, Fujitss posted a group net loss of 32.6 billion yen on revenue of 3.46 trillion yen.

Fujitsu is in the worst position among Japan's electronics makers," an analyst at Schroder Securities said.

A Fujitsn official said that he could not confirm any of the reported loss figures for the year and that the company did not announce interim group results. But the company did say in May that it expected no consolidated net profit for the year ending in March 1994.

Analysis say this year's problems at the Fujitsu group, which includes its foreign operations and its domestic semiconductor business, may be related to the poor performance of overseas computer subsidiaries and affiliates. The prime suspect is Amdahl, which reported a second-quarter loss of \$23.7 million last month and is in the midst of a major restructuring. Fujitsu declined to comment on its relationship

with Amdahl or on whether it had provided emergency financial assistance to the company recently, An Amdahl spokesman, Bill Stewart, said the company was not receiving financial assistance from Fujitsh. They're not subsidizing us in any way," he said.

In any case, Fujitsn is feeling the pain of its investment in Amdabl, which has taken write-offs to cope with its problems.

**Pepsi Grows in China** 

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"Because of the restructuring charge they took, Amdahl is going to generate a \$267 million loss this year." said John Jones. an analyst for Salomon Brothers in San Francisco. That means, he said, that \$120 million to \$125 million of Fujitsu's expected loss would be attributable to Amdahl. Whether Amdahl is chiefly to blame or not,

Fujitsu has already embarked on a series of measures to cut costs. In July, it said it would reduce its

An analyst at Schroder Securities says Fujitsu is 'in the worst position among Japan's electronics makers."

work force by 6,000 people hy 1995, to a total of 50,000. It also will hire fewer new graduates this year and will not replace employees who retire or

To cut costs further, Fujitsu is increasing its overseas procurement of electronic parts and is ing to buy a new range of personal computers from Acer, Taiwan's largest PC manufacturer. In spite of the gloom, however, analysis in Japan are recommending Fujitsu stock as a long-term buy, saying prospects for a recovery in earnings

buy, saying prospects for a recovery in carinings two to four years from now are strong. And Fujitsu's stock, which closed at 766 yen a share. Thursday, is up nearly 40 percent so far this year, well above the 28 percent rise in the Topix index of all shares traded on the Tokyo Stock

Fujitsu is strong in optical-fiber communica-tions technology. And with both Japan and the United States considering massive optical-fiber networks in the next decade, the company is well poised for business growth around four years from now, said Makio Inni, industry analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities.

ture, will also serve Fujitsu well eventually. In June, the company launched a marketing plan called Propose, which offers clients full software solutions to business problems.

several more fairly grim quarters.

## **Cosmo Units Get 2-Week Suspension Over Use of Funds**

ate with a special loan reported to be large as \$0 billion yen. "We are moving in that direc-

tion," a spokesman said. The reports said that the affiliate, Yamaichi Finance Co., was insolvent and would be rescueri through another affiliate. Yama:chi Real Estate inc., which had been considering acquiring 50 billion ven in collater al heid by Yamaich Finance.

The real-estate company report edly plans to raise the cash by selling assets. Several group companies are expected to acquire Yamaichi Finance shares with an estimated value of 10 billion ven by the end of March.

### **BAe** and **Taipei Dispute Loans**

The Associated Press TAIPEI — A planned joint senture between British Aerospace PLC and Taiwan Aerospace Corp. 10 produce pas-

loans, a senior government of-Tokyo branch through the hauned practice of shuffling funds between ficial said Taursday. Vice Economics Minister Yang Shih-chien said British Aerospace had accused Taj-

Daiwa has since admitted making 78 billion yen of unsecured loans to three Hong Kong clients of wan of failing to provide \$460 million in loans for the £250 Cosmo last year. Under the terms million (\$375 million) venture. of the bailout, Daiwa, which also is A banking consortium, led

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Tokyo	Nikkei 225	20,687.47	20,773.18	-0.41
Kuala Lumpur	Composite	798.82	791.02	+0.99
Bangkok	SET	955.35	958.01	-0.28
Seoul	Composite Stock	737.97	713.18	÷3.48
Taipel	Weighted Price	4,093.41	4,104.75	-0.28
Manila	Composite	1,760.88	1,767,65	-0.38
Jakarta	Stock Index	384.82	382.01	+0.74
New Zeeland	NZSE-40	2,019.18	1,957.24	+3.16
Bombey	National Index	1,265.40	1.231.70	+2.74

#### Very briefly:

Sources: Reuters, AFP

· Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. workers voted to approve a contract that raised wages an average of 4.7 percent, ending a six-week labor dispute at the world's largest shipyard,

· Nissan Motor Co.'s president. Yoshifumi Tsuji, said the carmaker might March 1993 because of dwindling Japanese demand.

• Japan's household spending in the first half of 1993 fell by an inflation-adjusted 0.9 percent from 1992. Spending was sluggish on items such as travel, education and clothing, reflecting reduced summer bonuses.

 Japan and France are leading a group of countries that will pay Vietnam's S140 million debt to the International Monetary Fund, dipicmats said. Tokyo and Paris each will pay \$50 million.

 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. formed a venture with Shanghai Optical Fiber Telecommunications Engineering Corp., Shanghai Munici-pal Administration of Post & Telecommunications and Post & Telecommunications Industrial Corp. of China to make optical fibers.

• Tun-Tex Corp. of Taiwan will develop tourist resorts at Camp John Hay and Wallace Air Station, two former U.S. military facilities in the Philippines. Camp John Hay was a recreanon center for U.S. forces. AFP. 6P

**DEFICIT:** June Trade Gap Soars

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foreign-exchange markets, and then grew last year to \$84.50 billion

at \$152.12 hillion in 1987.

## **IAPAN:** Government Will Shift Power to Consumers

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cover the losses.

fierce opposition from the bureaucracy, there are sharp differences within the eight-party coalition and the risk that sweeping changes could devastate pro-tected sectors of the economy.

"Deregnlation will be the theme of politics over the next five years," said Kenneth Courtis, chief econo-mist at Deotsche Bank Group. "But there are so many basic tenets of policy that need to be revised that it will "China is a top-priority market for us and our business there is

rapid run-up in the value of the yen. Originally, the session was scheduled to orient the new cabinet, which took power earlier this month, to general economic issues.

The yea has jumped nearly 20 percent this year against the dollar, making most Japanese exporters unprofitable and threatening the economy with deeper recession and higher unemployment. This is spurring calls from industry to deregulate the economy and transfer the yen's strength to consumers whose added spending would help reinvenate an economy in which

million surplus with Western European nations in May that jurned into a \$1.7 billion deficit in June, monthly trade deficits running at an annual pace of \$100 billion or more. The U.S. trade deficit peaked the Commerce Department said Thursday. Exports tumbled 11.5 The annual trade deficit fell gradually to \$66.72 hillion in 1991 percent from May, while imports climbed 9.9 percent. as the value of the dollar shrank on

Exports to developing countries and Canada have offset part of the weakness in American exports to Western Europe and Japan.

With 9th Joint Venture **Continued from Page 1** built up over decades will be difficult. In addition to 

Exchange's first section.

A renewed focus on software-development services, rather than traditional hardware manufac-

But until cost-cutting efforts and new businesses start to kick in, analysts expect Fujitsu to have

TOKYO - The Finance Ministry on Thursday ordered Cosmo Securities Co. to suspend part of its operations for two weeks for defving warnings against questionable trading practices that led to losses of nearly \$700 million and a bailout

by Daiwa Bank Ltd. The suspension affects the two divisions of the Osaka-based brokerage concern that handle corporate accounts at its Tokyo hranch a spokesman said. He said trading for corporate elients would be halted for two weeks starting next week.

The spokesman also said Cos-mo's president, Hiroshi Nakano, would take a 30 percent pay cut and other directors would take 10

percent pay cuts for three months, starting in September.

It was not clear how much the two-week suspension would affect Cosmo's husiness, as the activities were fairly evenly divided between the Tokyo and Osaka offices.

Cosmo announced last Friday it had sought help from Daiwa, its second-higgest shareholder, to cov-er previously undisclosed losses of senger jets may collapse hecause of a dispute over bank 69.8 hillion yen (S688.4 million). The losses had been incurred by the

# SPORTS BASEBA

## Jays, 4 Runs Back, Win In 11 as Yankees Lose

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Boston wins when Danny Darwin nearly pitches a no-hitter. Detroit wins when it rallies for six runs in the ninth inning. Baltimore wins when it ends an eight-game losing

Still, all three teams are no closer to first place, because Toronto never seems to lose.

The Blue Jays won their fifth in a row Wednesday night, bouncing back from a four-run deficit to beat Cleveland in 11 innings.

The only change in the American League East standings was that the Blue Jays increased their lead over the second-place New York Yankees, who lost to Texas. Toronto remained 41/2 ahead of Boston and 61/2 in front of Baltimore.

Darwin stopped Boston's three-Fenway Park in 28 years. He gave up only one hit — Dan Pasqua's one-out triple off the center-field well in the single inning as the wall in the eighth inning — as the Red Sox downed the Chicago White Sox, 5-0.

Pasqua, batting only .182, lofted a drive that hit just above the outstretched glove of Billy Hatcher.

"I just made a bad pitch and major league hitters are going to hit mistakes," Darwin said. "I thought it was a homer when he hit it. I thought it was in the bleachers." It was his third one-hitter in the

major leagues, but his first shutout

since Aug. 15, 1987, when he was Rangers 4, Yankees 2: Dean with Houston. He struck out two Palmer hit a homer — just his secand walked two. There has been only one no-hitter in the majors this season, by the first five innings at Yankee Sta-Seattle's Chris Bosio against Bos-

ton on April 29. "It was fun while it lasted," Darwin said.

Royals 5, Twins 2: Kevin Appier beld bost Minnesota hitless for 5% innings and Gary Gaetti homered

### AL ROUNDUP

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again as Kansas City won its third straight and closed to 2% games of the West-leading White Sox.

Gaetti, a former star of for the Twins, homered for his second straight game, Greg Gagne, anoth-er former Minnesota player, had two hits.

Appier gave up five hits in eight innings, and Jeff Montgomery closed for his 38th save.

Blue Jays 7, Indians 6: John Olerud singled with two outs in the 11th in Cleveland, moved up on a wild pitch by Derek Lilliquist and scored on Paul Molitor's sharp single through the middle. The Blue Jays had tied at 6 on

Devon White's RBI double in the Olerud went 3-for-5, raising his batting average to .389, Rickey Henderson drew four walks, tying a struck out seven, in seven innings.

ond since the All-Star game - and Texas made four double plays in dium Palmer's 23d homer, a two-run

shot in the second inning, put the Rangers ahead. Roger Pavlik made it stand up with help from relievers Craig Lefferts and Tom Henke. who got his 29th save.

Tigers 8, Angels 6: Travis Fryman hit a two-run single that highlighted a six-run raily that began with one out in the ninth as visiting Detroit overcame two home runs by California's Tim Salmon.

Salmon, who is leading major league rookies with 27 homers and 79 RBIs, set a team record for home runs by a rookie. Ken Hunt hit 25 in 1961. Salmon drove in three runs and scored three times. He has homered

in three straight games. Orioles 8, Mariners 1: Baltimore topped its longest losing streak in

five years at eight games, winning in Seattle as Harold Reynolds hit a three-run homer during a five-run fifth and Jamie Moyer pitched a complete game, giving up eight hits and striking out eight.

Athletics 2, Brewers 1: Scott Brosius hit a two-run homer in Oakland and Ron Darling held Mil-wankee to four hits, while striking



Although the Cubs won, 2-0, it looked like anything but a baseball game in Chicago as sbortstop Rey Sanchez, left, and second baseman Ryne Sandberg played hopscotch with Larry Walker ...

## At U.S. Open, Man Will Back Machine

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr. judges, while dispensing with as

Open's historic leap into the future the court. of automated officiating will be ac-companied by time-tested asterisks been reinst of automated officiating will be ac-companied by time-tested asterisks when the U.S. Tennis Association's that they would not be suspenders electronic line-calling system is in- to TEL's belt, but merely decoratroduced at the Open this month. According to Steve DeVoe, the tournament director, the new system, which signals a long or wide shot with a loud beep, will indeed he used to make all line calls on the four main courts at the National Tennis Center from the first qualifying matches on Aug. 30 to the men's final on Sept. 12.

But in response to player con-cerns, be said, line judges will be at their usual places, reinforcing the beeps with their familiar hand signals and cries of "out."

In disclosing a modification of plans announced in June to make the 1993 Open the world's first tournament to use the new system, known as TEL (for Tennis Elec-tronic Lines), DeVoe stressed that the players had not questioned TEL's vaunted accuracy and reliability but merely its potential psychological impact on players expe-riencing it for the first time. Or, as he put it, "the intangible

of a player walking onto a court at a tournament such as the U.S. Open and finding something that looked, felt and smelled brand

When the new system was announced in June, the plan was to

### many as half a dozen line judges New York Times Service many as half a dozen line judges NEW YORK — The U.S. who are usually clustered around.

tive buckle. The judges, he said, will not render independent judgments on close calls but merel reinforce the electronic beeps with hand and voice signals.

On obvious calls, beyond the zone of the system's sensors, 11 inches (28 centimeters) outside the lines and 9 inches inside, the line judges will make the determination as in the past. The original plan had been for the chair umpire to make those calls.

In a blind test of the system at last year's Open, DeVoe recalled of some 3,000 close calls rendered by line judges during 45 men's and women's matches, TEL, which was secretly monitored with its sound off by umpires sitting in the stands, agreed on 90 percent of the judges calls and disagreed on 10 percent.

Extensive other tests establishing TEL's pinpoint accuracy left little doubt that the judges' calls in those cases, mostly at the service line, were wrong.

That, DeVoe said, was hardly surprising. "The ball is simply moving so fast," he said, "that the human eye is not capable of monitoring the ball. Testing for several years has proven that the human

use only the chair umpire, a net- cye is not capable of making an cord judge and two foot-fault accurate call."

## Green, Demery Threatened by **Other Prisoners**

#### The Associated Press

LUMBERTON, North Carolina - The two 18-year-olds accused of killing James Jordan have been separated from other inmates in the county jail because of concerns

"We are keeping them in security cells — not in isolation — for their own protection," said Mark Locklear of the Robeson County sheriff's department.

"The Jordan family is well-liked. We don't want another Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby thing on our bands," he said. "These are threats that could easily be carried out."

Daniel Andre Green and Larry Martin Demery have been charged with first-degree munder. Authorities contend they killed the father of Michael Jordan, the National Basketball Association superstar, on July 23 as James Jordan napped in his car.

Green and Demery are being kept in sepa-

**Giants Keep Braves at Bay** The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Pirates, who couldn't keep error, his 28th of the season. Barry Bonds and his \$43.7 million salary in their clubhouse, probably wish they could keep him out of their ballpark. Bonds helped the San Francisco Giants stay

61/2 games ahead of the streaking Atlanta Braves in the National League West by going 4-for-5, with two homers and lour runs batted in during

a 9-6 victory Wednesday night in Pittsburgh. "He had a great night," said Pittsburgh's manager, Jim Leyland, "but theu I've seen him have a lot of great nights - and fortunately. most of them were in a Pirates uniform. He's going to have

a lot more NL ROUNDUP great nights." Bonds, who

helped the Pirates win three Eastern Division titles, doubled in the first, singled in the third, followed Robby Thompson's homer with an even longer one in

the fifth and homered again in the ninth.

Lemke, who had opened the inning by reaching base on shortstop Jose Offerman's throwing

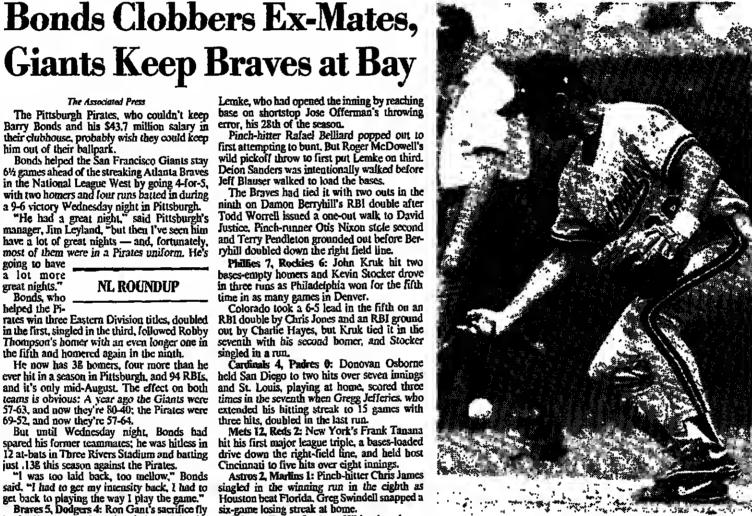
Pinch-hitter Rafael Belliard popped out to first attempting to bunt, But Roger McDowell's wild pickoff throw to first put Lemke on third. Deion Sanders was intentionally walked before Jeff Blauser walked to load the bases.

The Braves had tied it with two outs in the ninth on Damon Berryhill's RBI double after Todd Worrell issued a one-out walk to David Justice, Pinch-runner Otis Nixon stale second and Terry Pendleton grounded out before Berryhill doubled down the right field line.

Phillies 7, Rockies 6: John Kruk hit two bases-empty homers and Kevin Stocker drove in three runs as Philadelphia won for the fifth time in as many games in Denver. Colorado took a 6-5 lead in the fifth on an

RB1 double by Chris Jones and an RBI ground out by Charlie Hayes, but Kruk tied it in the seventh with his second homer, and Stocker singled in a run.

s A. Padres three hits, doubled in the last run.



## Egad! Play Baseball **On a Cricket Pitch?**

England's most hallowed cricket grounds, will play host to a three-day baseball festival this fall, with games featuring U.S. minor league

The British-American Baseball Festival, Oct. 1-3, will include two games with representatives from the Boston Red Sox and New York Mets organizations. Most of the players will come from the teams' International League clubs, the Pawincket Red Sox and the Norfolk Tides.

"It'll be the best players who are available to us," said Mike Carlson . of Major League Baseball Interna-tional, who said be hoped some major league players would also

"We'll have popcorn, peanuts LONDON - The Oval, one of and Cracker Jacks, we hope - the whole works," he said.

Baseball is the latest of the major American sports to send teams to Britain. The National Football League played its annual American Bowl game at Wembley Stadium earlier this month. The National Hockey League, in the form of the Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers, is coming for the second year in a row to Wembley Arena next month, followed by the National Basketball Association's Orlando Magic and Atlanta Hawks, in October.

The promoter of the NBA and . NHL games is also negotiating to, bring two major league baseballteams to Lord's, the country's pre-

rate cells and are entitled to use the jail's canteen and recreation areas, but the areas are cleared of other inmates while they are using them. Locklear said. Locklear said other inmates, some in jail

awaiting trial on homicide charges, had been heard urging jailers to "send them back to our cell block. We'll save the state some money." Green and Demery have been told of the threats, and one asked to be separated from the other inmates, Locklear said. He declined to say which of the two made the request. Angus Thompson, a public defender who is representing Green, objected to separating

his client from the general inmate population of about 350, Locklear said. Thompson could not be reached for comment.

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He now has 3g homers, four more than he ever hit in a season in Pittsburgh, and 94 RBIs, held San Diego to two hits over seven innings and it's only mid-August. The effect on both teams is obvious: A year ago the Giants were 57-63, and now they're 80-40; the Pirates were trans is bitting streak to 15 games with

69-52, and now they're 57-64. But until Wednesday night, Bonds had spared his former teammates; he was hitless in 12 at-bats in Three Rivers Stadium and batting just .138 this season against the Pirates.

'I was too laid back, too mellow," Bonds said, "I had to get my intensity back, I had to

get back to playing the way I play the game." Braves 5, Dodgers 4: Ron Gant's sacrifice fly in the 12th gave Atlanta its ninth straight victory as the Braves took advantage of two Los Angeles errors.

Gant's liner to center field scored Mark al.

Mets 12, Reds 2: New York's Frank Tanana hit his first major league triple, a bases-loaded drive down the right-field line, and held bost Cincinnati to five hits over eight innings.

Astros 2, Martins 1: Pinch-hitter Chris James singled in the winning run in the eighth as Houston beat Florida. Greg Swindell snapped a six-game losing streak at home.

Cubs 2, Expos 0: Greg Hibbard and two relievers combined on a four-hitter and Sammy Sosa homered as Chicago beat visiting Montre-

Sar Ogrocki/Rearcy ... and Montreal second baseman Randy Ready dribbled grounders. rience. Carlson said.

participate. The festival will begin with a demonstration and school clinic for children on Friday, Oct. 1, with the

to play.

games following on Saturday and Sunday. Another proposed event is a baseball-cricket challenge, with participants from both sports try-ing a hand at each others' game. Carlson said negotiations were un-

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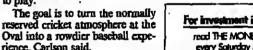
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suggested," said Frank Heffron," the president of Major League ball International, "but rather the natural coming together of two der way to get English cricket stars great games and great traditions."



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#### mier cricket stadium, next year. Cricket traditionalists have scoffed at the idea of a foreign sport invading their grounds since the idea was suggested last year. "We feel that baseball at the Oval is not the sacrilege some have

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# SPORTS ATHLETICS

# Another Title for Bubka, and Redemption at Last for Ottey in the 200

#### By Ian Thomsen ol Herald Tribuse

STUTIGART - Sergei Bubka is the Mi-chelangelo of world athletics champions. The thing is that nobody ever paid to watch Michel-

angelo. But millions have paid to watch Bubka lying on his back for what feels like hours, staring at his ceiling for inspiration, until he picks up a jong brush and impulsively plants it in the well. He's been up there for 11 years, at the other cad of that brush. By a happy coincidence, the chapel was filled Thursday night for a conclu-son to bis masternice. sion to his masterpiece. The people had come primarily to see their

German decathletes, who won't resolve their argument with American Dan O'Brien whill Friday night They were also intent on cheering a forlora Jamaican sprinter. This was going to be her last chance. As she whited on the track in

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high-tech shadow of her-was cast across the meters this winter. Always he bettered himself stadium onto a giant color screen. An an-nonncement — "Merlene Ottey" — and the "arenia filled with a noise not unlike that of jet gengines. The support did not undo the winkled strain around her large, proud eyes.

She sprinted her way into the final, circling past Bubita as he jogged toward his landing pit. It was a ridiculous sight, this 33-year-old wom-an intuing so elegantly while Babita jogged empty-baseded beneath a hurdle propped unbeherably high. In a few moments he would reappear, sprinting down the runway with a pole in his hands, and now 5.70 meters seemed easily within his reach. It was his first attempt, and he leaped it without worry.

Ar 30, Babka appears to be in the descent of a career that has no rival. Since 1984 he has raised his event's record 16 times outdoors and 18

by a centimeter, carning a huge bonns cach

But last summer he appeared to be running out of creative space. In Barcelona he failed miserably, clearing no height during the Olympics. Believing that Bubka had long benefited

from preferential treatment, his American competitors demanded that he be held to the standard time limit before jumps. This appeared to unnerve him to the point of embarrassment. He has never been able to explain the com-

plexity of leaping a hurdle that grows higher and higher without deference to his age. In the inaugural World Championships 10 years ago, he emerged at a height of 5.70 after being entered by his Soviet coach on a hunch. On Thursday, now representing the Ukraine, he became the only athlete to win every World Championship in his event.

His next attempt, at 5.90 meters, was no problem. Neither was 6 meters. It was too high

for his only remaining competitor. Grigori Ye-gorov of Kazakhstan, and now Bubka, the championship in hand, asked that the bar be set at 6.14, a centimeter higher than his outdoor record

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He was about to take off when the 2-minute clock ran out on him. As the only remaining competitor, he was entitled to six minutes in between vaults. The brush was in his hand, the crowd was chanting his first name. There were arguments, and finally he was allowed three opportunities at six minutes each

"The crowd was fantastic, but after this scandal it was like I was empty." Bubka said. "I had no more motivation. If it was normal it would have been easy for me to make world record tonigh1."

his height camera flashes appeared all around the stadium.

He had just finished bowing to the crowd when Ottey reappeared on the track, the star of her final final. She still believed that her first major individual gold medal had been stolen from her in the 100 meters earlier in the week. The LAAF Jury of Appeal had voted by 3 to 2 to award the victory to Gail Devers in a photo finish, while the two dissenters favored award-ing a gold medal to Ottey as well. No one could remember any foreign runner-up ever receiving a longer ovation on the victory stand than Ottey received Tuesday, standing a step below Devers. In a career longer than Bubka's, she was sprinting out Thursday for probably the last time in a major meet.

She came out of the turn with a champion's lead. There was only this last bit to travel, a matter of seconds. But they are measured by the hundredth. With each step the bar seemed to be

raised slightly higher. On her right shoulder Gwen Torrence of the U.S., the defending Olympic champion, was gaining ground with nothing to lose. If Torrence was running, then Ottey was staggering. She was going to run 200 meters and not one meter further.

"I couldn't wait to get to the tape," she said. "It's been 14 years. I was just leaning and leaning. I lost my concentration and everything

The roar was sounding like a scream as she ran her last step, jolting herself to a jog. The result was not immediately certain, but she had been waiting long enough. Pulling a Jamaican flag from out of the audience, she had done another quarter lap when her time was flashed on the board at 21.98 seconds, or .02 faster than Torrence. The crowd embraced her in a verbal hug, slowing her to a walk, telling she need never run so fast again



## **Gunnell Sets World Mark** In Women's 400 Hurdles

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches STUTTGART - Olympic

champion Sally Gunneil of Britain set a world record of 52.74 seconds in win the women's 404-meter hurdles gold medal Thursday at the World Athletic Championships. Kevin Young of the United States won the men's 400-meters

hurdles race, finishing ahead of defending champion Samuel Matete of Zambia and Winthrop Graham of lamaica.

Gunnell surged ahead at the last hurdle, overtaking Sandra Farmer-Patrick of the United States. Farmer-Patrick, who had also run second to Gunnell at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, was timed in 52.79

The old world record of 52.94 was set by Marina Stepanova of Russia in 1986.

Margarita Ponomaryova of Russia took the bronze medal with a time of 53.48, a personal best. Gunnell began catching up with

Farmer-Patrick coming into the home straight, then pulled a step ahead at the last hurdle. "All my dreams have come true.

Gunnell said. "I can't believe it. I was going to run whatever it took to win. As soon as I crossed the line I couldn't be sure 1 got the record. "I was looking around at everyone and then 1 did," she said.

It was the first world record to fall at the World Championships. Young came into the home

straight still trailing France's Ste-phane Diagana but put in a strong 3,663.

final kick to win by some five meters in a championship record of 47.18 seconds.

In a close battle for the silver, Matate crossed the line in 47.60, just .02 seconds ahead of Graham and another .02 ahead of Diagana.

Young, the Olympic champion and world record holder, had dominated the event for most of the last two years, but Matete had beaten him three times over the past two months and Graham once.

In Barcelona last year. Young was the sensation of the track event when he beat the world record of Edwin Moses, Here, he beat Moses' championship record.

Olga Burova of Russia won the women's discus with a best throw of 67.40 meters (222 feet, 1 inch). Daniela Costian of Australia was second at 65.36 with Min Chunfeng of China third at 65.26 meters.

Dan O'Brien of the United States, the defending champion and world record-bolder in the decathlon, won the 400 meters to regain a slim lead over Paul Meier of Germany after five events of the two-day competition.

O'Brien was clocked in 47.46, 1.90. while Meier was second in 47.53. That gave O'Brien a 4,598- to 4,594.4-point lead over Meier. Meier had cleared 2.14 meters in

the high jump to O'Brien's 2.03 to not a finalist. (AP, Reuters, UPI)

O'Brien had led Meier hy 104 points after the first three events. having shared the best time in the 100 meters (10.57 seconds), won the long jump in 7.99 meters and made the fifth best throw in the shot put at 15.41 meters. Two top contenders in the de-

cathlon. Michael Smith of Canada and Olympic champion Robert Zmelik of the Czech Republic, dropped out. Smith fouled on all three of his long jump attempts, while Zmelik reinjured his right ankie.

In the women's high jump, world record-holder Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria was eliminated after first being ruled out, then reinstated, while world and Olympie cham-pion Heike Henkel of Germany, who has an Achilles' tendon injury,

pulled out because of the pain. Kostadinova - who failed to clear 1.93 meters, far short of her world record of 2.09 - was first listed as out of the competition. Then IAAF officials ruled that to make up a final field of 12 -Kostadinova, Tatiana Shevchik of Belarus and Nele Zilinskiene of Lithnania had qualified by clearing

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But an IAAF official said Thors day night that Kostadinova had

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The English Star Sinton

The Associated Preis SHEFFIELD, England -- The protracted battle for soccer star Andy Sinton came to a close Thurs-

need 100 meter title, stared down the lane Thursday, then ran the fastest 100 meter-hundles first-heat, 12.74 seconds.

day when the national team's winger signed a four-year contract with Sheffield Wednesday. Wednesday paid Queens Park Rangers £2.75 million (\$4.12 million) for Sinton, who was also courted by Premier League rivals

Arsenal and Liverpool. Wednesday was able to afford-the transfer after selling U.S. international John Harkes to Derby and Peter Shirtliff to Wolverhampton

Arsenal had agreed to a price for Sinton last Friday, but the player was unable to come to terms with the London team. • The start of the Israeli season

may be delayed while police probe match-fixing allegations involving match-fixing allegations involving players, managers and fans, gov-ernment officials said Thursday. Police said three players, eight current or former team officials, and three team supporters bad been detained for questioning in the scandal surrounding the profes-cional Heartry Learne

sional Haartzi League. Police suspect some matches were fixed for money while others were rigged so that teams with los-ing records could avoid be dropped to semi-professional leagues. Israel Radio said thousands of dollars

changed hands in the fixing of some matches.

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Adam Laurent, left, crashed into fallen teammate Matt Hamon but the U.S. pursuit team, with a second ride, gained the second round

## **Obree Gets Title — and Another Record**

#### Revers

HAMAR, Norway - Graeme Obree smashed his own day-old world record Thursday when he became the first Briton for 35 years to win the 4,000-meter pursuit title at cycling's world track championships. The 27-year-old Scot, timed in 4 minutes,

Bernard Tapie declared Thurs-day that the match-fixing scandal embroiling his club, Otympique Marseille, is hurting one of his key admirers. French President Fran-raia Mittana and the record he set Ermenanit of for five of the 16 laps of the final, but once Obree had settled into his ride he took seconds. beat Philippe Ermenanit of Prance by 2.891 seconds. Ermenanit ied for five of the 16 laps of the final, but once Obree had settled into his ride held the

took command. The Frenchman had held the "Tim in a torment that benefits a 4,000 record, at 4:23.562, for a few hours on let of people," the newspaper Le Wednesday before Obree broke it while defeat-Figaro quoted Tapie as saying. ing Olympic champion Chris Boardman.

Boardman got the bronze medal, as the fast-est semifinalist. In July, be shattered Obree's The only Briton before Obree to tak pursuit title was Norman Sheil in Paris. six-day-old world hour record in Bordeaux.

Obree was largely unknown outside British racing until he broke Francesco Moser's nineyear-old one-hour mark ou the Hamar track.

He has an awkward-looking style -his chest resting on the handlebars, elbows stock out and behind off the saddle — and his bike, which he built in a friend's cycle workshop, includes the bearings from a washing machine.

"My next ambition is to regain the world hour record," Obree said, "I think I am getting close to my limit. I was fighting for the jersey tonight and it always makes you go faster."

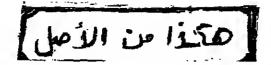
The only Briton before Obree to take the

Earlier, the American-born Marion Clignet, who now rides for France, qualified fastest for the semifinals of the women's 3,000-meter pursuit by beating Olympic silver medalist Kathy Watt of Australia.

In the semfinals, Clignet defeated team Jeannie Longo-Ciprelli, 3:40.079 to 3:41.893, and Rebecca Twigg of the United States beat Svetlana Samokhvalova of Russia, 3:39.361 to 3:42.773.

Clignet is competing in the championships while appealing a three-month ban imposed by the International Cycling Union after she tested positive for caffeine in Valencia in June.

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Lord Archer Savors the Last Chuckle

### **OBSERVER**

## **Music for Geezers**

By Russell Baker NEW YORK - Every year I have a birthday, and this year was no exception. For a long time 1 was afraid to admit that I was experiencing birthdays because in those days Americans hated for people to get older, which is what happens on birthdays.

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Nowadays, though, it's all right to have birthdays and maybe even a smart idea to lie by claiming more hirthdays than you really have under your belt because nowadays practically everybody is not just old, but downright checky about it.

That's because being old makes you part of the higgest, toughest lobby the U.S. government has ever faced: the old people's lobby. Let the old people's lobby catch you having to get old and you're inviting another painful hike in payments for the Social Security octopus.

It's a great relief not to have to go on beitz eternally 31. which was the age I had taken up hack in the days when people who hadn't even hecome vuppies yet were making fun of Lawrence Welk. I now feel free to say that I had always enjoyed Lawrence Welk with his bubble machine and the ittle champagne lady and Law-rence's pronounced "ub-one, ub-two" enunciation of the musical heat, being a bit slow to pick up a dance beat for myself, you see. When I learned that mere chil-dren were sneering at Welk on ground that his music was strictly for geezers, my policy of remaining an eternal 31 required me to sneer too. To be sure, secretly 1 would now and then sneak off to watch Welk alone with my dear gravheaded mother-in-law who was not only devoted to him but also

thought the aesthetic criticism of people destined to become supples was not worth listening to.

Having ignored my hirthday ever since becoming an eternal 31.1 now find it very hard to celebrate propcrly. How, for example, is one supposed to reply when someone says, "Happy birthday"? "Happy birthday" is one of

those conversation killers, which leave the person on its receiving. end no opportunity for a witty re-ply. Being long out of practice, I tried returning the first few "Hap-

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py birthdays" with, "Same to you." "How's the wile?" and "Let's have lunch sometime.

"Just say, "Thank you," one of my great-grandehildren suggested. "Thank you"? Is that what passes for conversation these days? When everybody sang a "Happy birthday" at me. I replied with remarks that strove to rise above the

inane, saving: "I used to be younger than 1 am now, and once I was a lot younger. This is often the all too hanal condition. I fear, of the ordinary person having a birthday. "How much more interesting it

would be if more of us could say. 'I used to be older than 1 am now, and once 1 was a great deal older."

"Quit dithering. Gramps. and open your presents," interrupted a couple of the grandchildren, who had been into the gin, that destroy-er of civil discourse in the American family.

To avoid embarrassing the two enormous brutes, I sat down, thus depriving the entire family of a profound insight about aging: to wit, that if people who had once been very old got younger every year they would end up being un-conceived in the uterus, which would end the whole tedious abortion argument

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Yes, there were presents from who love me enough to people spend hours trudging through deepest Kmarts. One was a paperweight, a magnificently subtle comment on the absurdity of an era when the electronic video screet has eliminated paper from our life yet failed to produce a videoscreen-There was also a miniature flash-

light operating on two miniature hatteries. It was waterproof. At last I was equipped to take a shower in the dark, secure in the knowledge that though I dropped the soap my waterproof flashlight would make its recovery child's play. Pondering gifts like these, 1 could see why so many people had gone right ahead fearlessly having

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hirthdays all those years I spent remaining young. Lobby of fearsome geezers and codgers. for this hirthday much thanks. New York Times Service

By John Darnton New York Times Service ONDON - Jeffrey Archer - that's Lord Archer, actually - is having the

last laugh, It's an understated laugh, really more of a long, drawn-out chuckle. That's in keep-ing with the surroundings, the vaulted and immaculate restaurant underneath the House of Lords, where the waiter bows imperceptibly and intones: "Everything all right, m'Lord?"

It certainly is all right. There, he's laughing again. Archer, the 53-year-old politicianturned-author-turned-politician, is flying high again. His new novel, "Honor Among

Thieves" (HarperCollins), has exhausted its 200,000 first printing in Britain and is No. 2 on the New York Times best-seller list. Another mega-moneymaker. He has two handsome sons in college, a

wife of 25 years who is a university professor, and a penthouse on the Thames with a view of Westminster. He's on speaking terms with Lady Thatcher and Prime Minister John Major — no easy thing in the vituperative world of today's Tory politics. Everything all right? If he were American, which he most decidedly is not given

the custom-tailored blue pinstripe, the languid yet energetic air, the clipped speech hinting at years of breeding and schooling. he would reply: "You bet!"

As it is, he simply says: "I've been very lucky. Very privileged and very lucky." Lords should be gracious and, above all. modesi. Archer keeps bouncing back like a had penny. He overcomes adversity the way other people commute on railroads. The

story of his rise and fall and rise and fall and rise could be grist for one of his novels, though it might strain credulity. Then again, so do his novels. He was elected to the House of Com-

mons at 29, the youngest MP of the class. Disgraced and bankrupt after an invest-ment went sour, he resigned his seat in 1974. He bounced hack when he turned to writing, and was appointed deputy chairman of the Conservative Party. Caught in a scandal involving a prostituite, he re-signed that position in 1986. He bounced back with a successful libel suit against the tabloid that reported he had sexual rela-tions with the prostitute. He walked away \$800,000 richer.

Then came life's sweetest revenge. little over a year ago. in recognition of his services to the party in the general elec-ulon, he was placed on the prime minister's honors' list and the queen made him a life



shance of winning the Nobel prize. Never mind that the plot of "Honor Among Thieres" is farfetched. (Saddam Hussein culists the Malia to steal the Decistation of Independence so that he can burn it on the Fourth of July, and the CIA and Mossad piot to get it back.) What's

"The cliche is: I don't feel any differ-ent," he said. "And that's true. But it's ing in Archer's favor. "I must agree Fve

- six days before publication! - to drop Tomshawks on Baghdad. And on the day of publication, to withdraw the UN inspectors from Baghdad! And I understand there was even some talk of an incident planned for July 4. It all played into my

He took a sip of his favorite drink, a St. Clements, and then dug into his lish cakes. The secret is storytelling. You take an idea and then plot it so the reader can't not turn the page. And make it topical. It's important that the book be up-to-date. I was able to get in the Waco siege and the New York bombing. But I missed Clinion's haircut by a formight." He looked

"The great risk was between when I wrote it and when it came out. What if some international event intruded? Can you imagine -- what if Saddam Hussein were actually killed? Suddenly people would look at this and say: 'Don't be silly.

Archer conceived of the book while whiling away the hours on the campaign whing away the boins on the campaign trail in Britain's general election. "I tried to put myself in Saddam's mind. I tried to think, how could I get revenge on Clinton, without bombing him, without kidnap-ping Hillary. So I came up with the idea of stealing the Declaration of Independence.

I thought of using the Magna Carta, but that's not the same. The Declaration of independence is such a symbol of freedom to Americans. Those names — Jefferson, Adams, Can you imagine if Saddam got his hands on it? Can you imagine what people in Dallas would do? In California? The Midwest? I can just imagine."

Archer turned to writing almost by accident. He did so after an investment that he puts at close to \$1 million went bad in 1974. A Canadian company, Aquablast. was said to have pioneered a new technique for cleaning high-rise buildings. "I lost every penny," he said, and so he re-signed his seat in the House of Commons. It was a matter of honor. "In those days," he said, "you did that. Resign, fight, re-turn." That's his motto.

The surprise came when "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less" turned into a best-seller. Now, be claims to have a threebook contract for \$33 million with HarperCollins, a figure that publishing. sources suggest might well be apocryphal. But what's a few million here or there --he's rolling in money."

And, more to the point, the success of his writing has been a passport back into politics, where he now promotes the canse of independence for Iraqi Kurds, puts on fund-raisers and shares a passion for cricket with Major, whose country house in Huntingdon is only 15 minutes from Archer's at Grantchester.

PEOPLE

Morris Rises from Ashes And Fills the Bleachers

"The man is an Aladdin's cave of maginative genius." said the Herald newspaper. Mark Morris, the and newspaper. Man's Mores, the U.S. choreographer, turned trage-dy into triumph when he offered to stage the world premiere of his "The Spell" in a field. The opening performance had been scheduled for the newly refurbished Edinburgh Playhouse, which suffered a fire on the eve of the city's art festival. The city instead evicted a badminton club from a sports hall and Morris filled the bleachers. 

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Pouring oil on the troubled waters? Burt Reynolds has lost another endorsement contract. Quaker State oil terminated his contract several days after the Florida Cit-rus Commissioned pulled his commercials for orange juice. Quaker State insisted its decision had nothing to do with the actor's pending divorce from Loni Anderson. 

Stere Adler, former drummer for Guns N' Roses, said he was cheat-ed out of millions when he was kicked out of the band because of his heroin addiction. He claims that he was tricked into signing over his share of profits, which his lawyer estimated at \$4 million to \$10 million. A lawyer for the band, denied the charges and said "hat brought about his own demise." .0

Priscilla Presky, divorced from the King in 1973, took charge of money matters and has seen the estate rise from \$5 million to \$100 million over 14 years. She told Working Woman magazine that her original priority had been to assure the security of Lisa Marie. their daughter, hut "then it just grew and grew."

Steve Hoffenberg, the New York debi collection tycoon who was fro-zen out of a deal to buy the New York Post, is going to publish o daily tabloid for women, "Her New York." He said the city's three other tabloids shortchange women in their coverage. .....

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